

The Crumb

Your Weekday Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Today's Tidbits

*"A Book of Verses underneath the Bough,
A Jug of Wine, A Loaf of Bread—and Thou
Beside me singing in the Wilderness—
Oh, Wilderness were Paradise enow!"*

— Edward Fitzgerald

Welcome (back) to Bread Loaf!

Opening Night Address: 7:30 p.m. in the Burgess Meredith Theater; with a reception to follow the Barn.

In this sidebar, you'll find a list of the day's events, along with a thoughtworthy quote to ponder. You'll also find a weather forecast, which, given the proclivities of Vermont's weather, should be about as useful as consulting a dowser in the desert.

Weather Watch

Today

Partly sunny; humid, possible showers late; highs in the 80's

Tomorrow

Mostly sunny; highs in the mid 80's

Two Days Hence

Continued mostly sunny, highs in the mid to high 80's



Come and Be Welcomed

Following an Opening Night Banquet this evening at 6 p.m. in the Dining Hall, Bread Loaf Director Jim Maddox and Middlebury College President John McCardell will officially open the 79th session of the School of English and introduce the members of this summer's distinguished faculty. New and old students alike are encouraged to attend to hear news of Bread Loaf's various programs and projects, both in the summer and throughout the academic year. The general address will take place in the Burgess Meredith Theater at 7:30 p.m. A reception, replete with refreshments, will follow in the Barn.

Director Jim Maddox (File photo by Ed "Shutterbug" Brown)

Registration Relegation

All students should venture off to visit to Elaine Hall in the Bread Loaf Office (in the back of the Inn) between 9 and 4 today to ensure accurate course registration and billing. A representative from the Middlebury Accounting and Financial Aid offices will be on hand in the adjoining Blue Parlor, where additional registration materials (vehicle cards, health forms, etc.) will be handled. If you need to make a change in your current course schedule, you should check with Elaine ASAP.

I.D. Ideology

Middlebury College requires all students, faculty, and staff to carry I.D. cards for entrance to certain College facilities downtown (the fitness center, for example). Your I.D. card is also crucial for checking books out of the library. Cards will be distributed during registration or can be picked up in the Bread Loaf office.

The Bread Loaf Office (ext. 83)

Elaine Hall and Diane Baroz keep the whole Bread Loaf operation on track from the back of the Inn. They also schedule appointments for Director Jim Maddox. This summer's office assistants are Rebecca Royster and Maureen Sullivan. Ralph Sneed and Shue Belows serve as Assistants to the Director, and will in turn be assisted by Kevin Groppe to do everything within their abilities to make your summer scintillate.

The Front Desk (ext. 0)

Innkeepers Victoria and Edward Brown serve as Bread Loaf's Friendly Folks-in-the-Know and can assist you with just about everything. They themselves are assisted by Peter Newton, John Mancuso, and Heather Morin-Best (who doubles as the Bookstore Manager). This crew will do their best to answer your questions; they also serve as check-cashers, mail-managers, switchboard-switchers, and sporting-goods-specialists. Items

lost on campus should be brought to the Front Desk, where it is hoped they will soon become found.

Bread Loaf Taxi

Front Desk staff members offer safe passage to and from the busy burg of Middlebury every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon in the Big Blue Bread Loaf Taxi Van. The van departs from the Inn porch at 2 p.m. sharp and returns from in front of the Middlebury post office at 4 p.m. sharp. A sign-up sheet is posted at the front desk to reserve seats; students will be given preference in the event of over-booking. Your thankful smile and gracious demeanor are the only charge for this scenic excursion. The taxi service begins on Friday.

The Keys to the Kingdom

Bread Loaf rooms now have locks on all the doors, even though many old-timers still prefer the "open door" days of yesteryear. You can lock and unlock your door from the inside to your heart's content, but you'll need a key to lock it from outside. These keys can be picked up at the Front Desk. Please note that if you have a roommate, you must both appear at the Front Desk together. Lost keys cost \$25; if you're accidentally locked out of your room, you will have to wait until a Front Desk staff person is available to help you gain re-entry.

Check-Cashing

The Front Desk can cash personal checks for up to \$75 during most business hours. Please make checks payable to "Middlebury College" and write your student I.D. number on the front.

Dailies' Delivery

For those with newspaper subscriptions, daily editions will be available by noon at the Front Desk. Be sure to recycle the papers in the appropriate bin once you're satiated with the state of the nations.

Bread Loaf Bookstore (ext. 59)

Under the fire escape out behind Annex, you'll find a green door that leads into the world of Heather Morin-Best, Bread Loaf's Bookstore Manager. You'll find all manner of items for sale down there, from textbooks and T-shirts to bug spray and shaving cream. The store will be open from 9 to 4 today and tomorrow. Thereafter, the schedule will return to the regular hours listed on the attached schedule. Heather kindly requests that you only purchase books for your own courses and hold off on others until everyone has had a chance to buy the texts needed for class. This rule also applies to courses which you may be auditing.

Davison Library (ext. 39 or 40)

Judy Watts, Chris Brady, and Rebekah Condon look forward to meeting your reading needs in Davison Library this summer. Whether you covet a cozy sofa spot by the fireplace to luxuriate in Wordsworth or crave a hardback chair at a desk to tackle post-structuralist theory, Davison's the place to be. You can also peruse their videotape library and utilize the private viewing room; larger groups can watch tapes in the Milkhouse (next to the Barn) after reserving a time with the librarian. Also watch for special exhibits throughout the summer. The Library will be open from 8 a.m. to midnight daily.

Computer Center (ext. 41)

Down under Davison library, the Bread Loaf Computer Center features a number of PC and Macintosh computers and printers to satisfy virtually all your cybernetic inclinations. Computer Center Director Caroline Eisner and her staff of student assistants help ensure that it's all user-friendly and that the mice don't bite. Laserwriter services are available for a nickel a page. Rocky Gooch, the Telecommunications Director of the Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network, also maintains an office in the Inn Seminar room (in back near the theater). Normal operating hours begin tomorrow. Workshops and training sessions on a number of computer-related topics will be announced throughout the term, so be sure to pick up your *Crumbs* for details.

Telephone Phenomenology

The objective reality is that the Bread Loaf phone system has a limited number of available lines, so please cut to the chase and keep your calls brief so that others may get an outside line. For those who regularly give in to their subconscious urges to burn the wires 'twixt hither and yon, more private public pay phones are placed strategically in the Inn, at Gilmore, and in the booth beside the laundromat.

You can call any campus extension by dialing its number on the beige phones in each dorm. Calls to local exchanges can be made by dialing 9 and then the seven-digit number. A busy signal after the 9 means that no outgoing lines are available. Hang up and try again, and again, and again if need be. Calling card calls may be placed by dialing 9-1-800 and the number of the service. Some of the most commonly called carriers have their numbers posted by the phones.

Please remember the 9! Otherwise you'll ring up the women in Tamarack at extension 18, and they get fairly feisty after fifty or so such flub-ups. Collect and third-party calls which cannot be placed via an 800 number can be handled by the Front Desk staff (dial 0).

To reach the Middlebury College switchboard, dial 9-443-5000 and listen for instructions.

Please observe the posted switchboard hours when using the dormitory phones, and ask your incoming callers to observe them as well. Also, be forewarned that your call may be cut short inadvertently when the switchboard shuts down at day's end. Emergency calls will be routed through to campus at all times.

Fax Facts and Copy Costs

The Bread Loaf Office doubles as the local copy shop for course-required handouts *only*. For all other duplicating demands, please use the self-service pay-per-copy machine in the library. The Bread Loaf Office can also send and receive faxes. Outgoing items cost \$1.00 a page. If you anticipate receiving a fax, please check with Elaine to make arrangements.

Mail Methodology

The Front Desk also doubles as the Bread Loaf Rural Station Post Office. Mailboxes are assigned on a carefully calculated 1:2 box/student ratio, so exercise similar care when sorting through your mail. Incoming mail should be in your box by 10-ish each morning; outgoing mail is collected at 4-ish. U.P.S. shipments should be dropped off between 9 and noon on Monday through Saturday. Outgoing letters and cards should be dropped into the mailslot (in the door to the left of the mailboxes). An assortment of stamps may also be purchased at the Front Desk.

Discourse on Dining

To keep you suitably sated and carefully caffeinated throughout the summer, the Bread Loaf Dining Room in the Inn sports a stupendous staff of student waiters and waitresses whose sole mission is to provide a delightful and delectable dining experience. HeadWaiters Aerie Treska and Tim Delehaunty will manage the crew this summer. Please be prompt for meals and move along quickly after finishing, as the waiters must clean up and hustle off to classes themselves after meals. Diners are also urged to bring their own travel mugs for take-out beverages.

It's also helpful to know some common dining hall signs and symbols: crossed silverware at a place setting is a time-honored indicator that the seat is occupied. A chair leaning against the table means that the seat is either taken or the section is closed (i.e. no waiter will appear to take your order). Be forewarned that weekend breakfasts are self-service and thus require a higher level of wakefulness than normal weekday breakfasts.

Guests must purchase meal tickets at the Front Desk, as must off-campus students. Market prices have been set at \$4 for breakfast, \$6 for lunch, and \$10 for dinner (all applicable taxes included; we'll talk tips and gratuities later in the summer).

Snack Bar Basics

For those few who believe that unquiet meals make ill digestions, or for those who just aren't on the meal plan, a snack bar stands tucked in the far corner of the Barn. There, Alan Williams and Susan Daignault await your patronage and offer fast-food fare in a casual atmosphere. Soda and snack machines are also located in the Barn for round-the-clock refreshment. Please bring your own mug if you're coming for coffee or tea so that we can cut back on paper consumption and do our parts to preserve the environment. The Snack Bar will be open for business beginning on Wednesday.

Health and Wellness

Nurses Sandy Brutkowski, Teresa Luder, and Alison Parker will be available in the Cornwall Clinic (across the road from the Inn) to handle most medical situations. Yvette Feig, a nurse practitioner, will also see students by appointment Thursday afternoons. In case of extreme emergencies, call an ambulance first (9-388-3333), then notify the Front Desk. After hours, call extension 13 or contact Jim Maddox at 9-388-7703 after calling for the ambulance.

Linen Lore and Laundry Legerdemain

The Bread Loaf community washes and dries its laundry in the small white building beside the Barn parking lot. Laundry machines are \$1.00 per load; quarters are available at the Front Desk. Please be patient with the machines; they sometimes prefer to cogitate before agitating. Linen service subscribers may pick up their sheets and towels today at the Front Desk. Henceforth, linen exchange will occur on a weekly basis. Check the *Crumb* for days and times.

Child Care

Bread Loaf's child care service, lovingly referred to as Croutons, will be offered by the Mary Johnson Children's Center at the Ripton Elementary School on Lincoln Road. Those needing more information or wishing to register children should call the Children's Center directly at 388-2853 to make arrangements.

Parking Practicum

There is a deep and dark level of Hell in Dante's *Inferno* reserved for those who flout Bread Loaf's parking regulations. Please park your vehicle *only* in the large lot near the Barn when on the main campus. Vermont State Law prohibits parking at all times along Route 125. Do not park behind the Inn or along any of the campus roads as you will obstruct food delivery and emergency vehicles, thereby jeopardizing the safety and gastronomic integrity of the entire community.

When Exercising, Exercise Caution

Walking, jogging, and biking alongside Route 125 can be quite dangerous, so please be extra mindful of the wild drivers and errant wildlife. Remember: those on foot stay on the left facing oncoming traffic; those on wheels stay on the right with the flow of traffic. The Front Desk will gladly offer safer alternatives for those who wish to exercise in the great outdoors.

Bikers should keep their cycles locked at all times (except when being ridden, of course). Bicycles are not allowed in dorm hallways, doorways, porches, or fire escapes for reasons which should be obvious to mature and responsible adults.

Fitness Formalities

Each summer, community members of all ages and abilities enjoy a number of intramural sports options on campus, including Sunday afternoon softball, afternoon soccer, evening volleyball, the "Wimbleloaf" tennis tournament, the Charlie Orr Fun Run, and even midnight ultimate frisbee games. If you feel a calling to become a recreational Instigator, talk to Ralph Sneed or drop a note to the *Crumb* to print a plea for potential partners and team-mates. The Front Desk has some sports equipment available for public use (volleyballs, a croquet set, and the odd - very odd - tennis racquet). They also have trail maps and regional guidebooks.

The downtown Middlebury Campus offers an impressive natatorium (it's *so* impressive that they don't call it a pool any more; librarian Chris Brady refers to it as the "Water Palace") and an extensive fitness center with both aerobic (Stairmasters, rowers, treadmills, and bicycles) and weight-training (freeweights and Nautilus) equipment. Schedules and phone numbers are on the back page. Be aware that some facilities may be closed at times to accommodate construction of Middlebury's new hockey arena (soon to be known as the "Ice Palace"). Remember that you *must* bring your I.D. with you for admission to the downtown facilities.

No Smoke, No Fire

Vermont's strict anti-smoking regulations prohibit cigarette smoking in *all* public buildings, both here on campus and in Vermont proper. Campus smoke detectors are sensitive and might be set off by cigarette smoke; if this happens to you, air out your room and fan the smoke away from the alarm. If the alarm beeps, buzzes, chirrups, or twitters intermittently, it's simply telling you in Alarmese that it needs a new battery. The Front Desk will gladly assist in correcting the problem. If you must smoke despite Vermont's implicit insistence to the contrary, please put out your butts in the ash cans provided for that purpose. The Front Desk staff also requests that smokers refrain from indulging in the front of the Inn as the smoke blows back into the office and lobby area.

Hot plates, refrigerators, and coffee makers are contraband at Bread Loaf due to their intense wattage or high potential as fire hazards. Should they be found in your room, they will be commandeered and priced to move at one of the area's many flea markets.

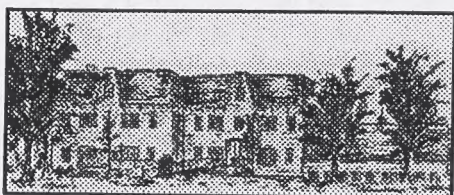
Paradise Recycled

Bread Loaf's beautiful landscape is perhaps its greatest treasure, and so we encourage one and all to do his or her part to maintain the splendor of our environment. This includes turning off lights after leaving a classroom, using travel mugs when possible, and following the recycling instructions posted around campus. Recycling in Vermont is mandatory, so please sort your trash accordingly and utilize the proper recycling bins. Dead batteries should be brought to the box near the Front Desk for proper disposal.

Your Constant Companion, the *Crumb*

You'll learn a lot of interesting things during your summer at Bread Loaf. For example, did you know that the word "companion" derives from a Latin phrase meaning "one who eats bread with another?" How fitting, then, that the *Crumb*, the humble publication you're regarding with such intense scrutiny and bemusement right this very instant, should appear in the dining hall at lunch each and every weekday. Copies are also available at the Front Desk and at the Library for those not on the meal plan. The *CyberCrumb*, a "paper-impaired" reproduction of the *Crumb*, is posted each day in BreadNet's CyberBarn area and thereby reaches out to Bread Loaf's sister sites in New Mexico and Oxford.

Crumb Editor and Mountain Media Mogul Hugh Coyle encourages creative community input, so if you have an announcement, observation, sketch, photograph, cartoon, short poem, or any other sundry item you'd like to share, please drop your submission off at the Front Desk by 8:00 a.m. for potential publication in that day's edition.



BREAD LOAF HOURS 1998

Meals	Monday - Friday	Breakfast: 7:30 - 8 AM Lunch: 12:45 - 1:15 PM Dinner: 6 - 6:30 PM
	Saturday, Sunday	Breakfast: 8 - 8:30 AM Lunch: 12:45 - 1:15 PM Dinner: 6 - 6:30 PM
Snack Bar ext. 43	Daily	8 AM - 6 PM 6:30 PM - 11 PM (Grill closes at 10:30 PM; snack bar may close early before Barn events)
Front Desk ext. 0	Monday - Saturday Sunday	8 AM - 8 PM 9 AM - 8 PM
Switchboard (for incoming calls)	Monday - Saturday Sunday	8 AM - 11 PM 9 AM - 11 PM
Bread Loaf Bookstore ext. 59	Mon, Wed, Fri Tuesday Thursday	8 - 11:30 AM 10 - 12:30 PM 11 AM - 12:30 PM and 4 - 6 PM
Library, ext. 39	Daily	8 AM - midnight
Bread Loaf Office ext. 83	Monday - Friday	8 AM - 12:45 PM 2 - 4 PM
Computer Center ext. 41	Monday - Friday Saturday Sunday	8:30 AM - midnight 9 AM - 9 PM 9 AM - midnight
Infirmary ext. 14	Monday - Friday Saturday, Sunday	8 AM - 4 PM 10 AM - 4 PM
Field House and Fitness Center (443-5000, x.5840)	Monday - Friday	6:30 - 8 AM 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 4:30 - 9 PM
	Weekends	9 - 2:45 PM
Swimming Pool (In Back of Field House) (443-5000, x.5246)	Monday - Friday	6:30 - 8 AM (Adults only) 11 AM - 2 PM 3 - 8:45 PM
	Weekends	9 AM - 3 PM
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Today's Tidbits

"Here people use a strange dialect but birds repeat the sound of my old home. The sorrow at leaving my city fades before the old joy of being in new mountains."

— Wang Wei

Today's Events:

Senior Reception:
5 PM at Earthworm

Volleyball: After dinner, northeast courts

Ultimate Frisbee:
7 PM, east fields

Chapbook Presentation: 7 PM in Barn 1

Dinner Menu

London Broil with balsamic marinade or pasta with dijon pesto, green beans, wild brown rice, and coffee ice cream for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Partly sunny, highs in the 80's; chance of a shower.

Thursday

Mostly sunny, highs in mid 80's.

Friday

Mostly sunny, highs in the mid 80's.

Seniors and First-Summer Students Set to Get Good Reception

Director Jim Maddox invites this summer's senior class to a reception at Earthworm Manor this afternoon at 5 PM. Tomorrow, at the same place and time, first-year students will assemble for a similar pre-supper reception. Both events will afford students a chance to meet and/or reconnect with their classmates as well as members of Bread Loaf's staff and faculty.

Seniors will assemble again on Friday at 5 PM for a business meeting. Graduation policies and procedures will be reviewed, a class president and speaker will be elected, and the secret senior handshake will be demonstrated by a top-ranking local dignitary. Those unable to attend should check in the Bread Loaf office for handouts and/or other information.

Chapbook Practicum

If you are interested in inexpensive ways to publish your students' writing in handsome chapbooks, Sam Swope (for several years a Bread Loaf staff member) and Michael Josefowicz will be visiting campus today to discuss Chapbooks for Learning. They will give a presentation in Barn 1 this evening at 7:00.

Chapbooks for Learning is an Internet-based print shop offering teachers a way to publish student writing in book form easily and inexpensively. Sam has just received a grant from the Open Society Institute to explore and develop ways of using such chapbooks in the classroom. Several Bread Loaf classes will be making their own chapbooks this summer.

Free Chapbooks for Learning samples are currently available at the Front Desk.

Fires Inspire Heightened Precautions

A number of suspicious fires have occurred in the Ripton area over the past week, including one on the Bread Loaf campus. State and local police are currently investigating the incidents. In the meantime, Bread Loafers are advised to note the location of fire extinguishers in their dormitories and to familiarize themselves with evacuation procedures. These are standard warnings offered during the summer session, but given recent circumstances, they deserve added attention. Notify the Front Desk immediately if you smell smoke and cannot locate its origin, or if you see any unusual suspects (other than the men of Gilmore, whom we encourage to light a bonfire on Thursday evenings) roaming our fair campus.

Primary Ultimate (and other Sports Shorts)

"In such a night did Frisbee fearfully o'ertrip the dew..." Though it may be something of a mental workout to determine the origin of that quote, coach Gary Montano assures you of good physical workout at this evening's first ultimate frisbee game. Players of all levels and abilities are invited to gather on the eastern field at 7:00. Gary will review the basics of the game with all newcomers during the half-hour warm-up period, after which a game or two may commence depending on the number of available players.

Volleyball will also commence this evening after dinner out on the courts. As with all Bread Loaf sporting events, a non-threatening all-levels-welcome atmosphere will prevail. Sideline cheerleaders are always welcome, particularly those with bug spray to spare.

Waiters Wanted

Bread Loaf's elite Waitstaff seeks four or five additional workers for the summer session, along with substitutes who can fill in for folks (with reasonable recompense, of course). If you're interested in taking on one of the work-study positions, please see Elaine Lathrop in the Bread Loaf office as soon as possible, or speak to one of the HeadWaiters during mealtimes for more information.

Theatrical Practicalities

By now, students should have received in their mailboxes a description of the 1998 theater program from Professor Alan Mokler Macvey. In addition to the open acting roles in this summer's productions, several musicians are also needed for the performance of *Threepenny Opera*. If you play trumpet, alto sax, tenor sax, clarinet, or flute and would like to be featured in the show, please be in touch with Amanda Dehnert as soon as possible (leave a note at the Front Desk or ask for her at the Theater). She may also be able to provide you with an instrument if you left yours at home.

The production crew is also searching for a number of working television sets and telephones to be used as props in the show. If you know where they might find a good number of these items, please be in touch with Rachel Carlson, also at the Theater, as soon as possible.



First Friday Film Feature

Each summer, Bread Loaf presents an eclectic mix of new and old films in our free weekly film series. The movies are shown inside the Barn on Friday nights, and are at times accompanied by surprise appearances by some of Bread Loaf's winged wonders. This week's feature film will be the Hitchcock classic "North by Northwest." The movie begins at 9 PM; please make a note that the Snack Bar will close shortly before the start of the film.

Drivers Desired for "Topsy Taxi"

Sussed students and staffers from years past report that Route 125 can sometimes become even more twisty and turny after a pleasurable repast at the Waybury Inn or other downtown drinking hole. In the event that you or a friend feel incapable of facing the sway of Ripton's roadways, please call the Bread Loaf number (388-7945) and request a ride from the "Topsy Taxi." This service, comprised of volunteer drivers from the Bread Loaf community, will escort you safely back to campus. Anyone interested in being listed as a potential driver should sign up at the Front Desk.

Hie Thee to the Hoe-down

This Saturday night, Bread Loaf will once again host Francis Cram and his country band for a square dance in the Barn. Dance caller Tom Bahre will instruct one and all on the do's and don'ts of do-sa-do's and the pleasures of the promenade. This traditional first-weekend mixer begins at 9:00 PM, with refreshments provided for all.

Play Space Designated

Many Bread Loafers enjoy a few moments of reflection and relaxation on the Inn Porch following dinner, while other engage in lively discussions. In order to further enhance the post-supper experience, we ask that children be brought across the street to frolic in the space around the flagpole. Should they complain that they'd rather climb the trees in front of the Inn, then parents should strenuously object, for the sake of both their children's safety and the continued health of the trees.

Employment Postings

Bread Loafers seeking teaching jobs and other academic positions are advised to check the bulletin board outside of the Bread Loaf office for occasional announcements. These listings are also posted on BreadNet throughout the year. A 9th-12th grade English position with an accent on writing currently remains open on the island of Nantucket (off the Massachusetts coast); if interested, send a cover letter and resume to Alan Myers, 10 Surfside Road, Nantucket MA 02554 as soon as possible.

Ben & Jerry's Festival This Saturday

One of Vermont's funnest summer events is the annual Ben & Jerry's "One World One Heart" Festival, scheduled for this Saturday at the Sugarbush Resort in Warren. For ten dollars per carload (free if you walk or bike onto the grounds), fest-attendees are treated to all manner of food and activities (including ice cream, of course), as well as a large number of musical acts on two separate outdoor stages. The celebration commences at 11 AM and goes until 7 PM. Anyone able to offer a ride to the festival should post a note on the bulletin board outside the dining hall so that others might contact them.

Egregious Errata

In yesterday's description of the Bread Loaf Office staff, Dianne Baroz's name was misspelled, and Elaine Lathrop was misidentified as Elaine Hall (she changed her name this past year). The Editor regrets the oversights.

Addendum to the 1998 Bread Loaf Course Catalogue

The following course listing was advertently omitted from the 1998 catalogue:

443B. Gleaning the Bean: the Literature of Legumes (Mr. Maddox)

This course, specifically developed for those Bread Loaf's first-year students who are "full of beans," will consider the effective transition from early references to the frequency of flatulence in *The Canterbury Tales* to the subtle yet often overlooked use of baked beans in James's *The Bostonians*. We will also discuss a number of modern works including *The Bean Trees*; *The Beans of Egypt, Maine*; and selected plays of Harold Pinto. Coffee beans, arguably the primary signifier of contemporary literary theory, will be deconstructed, brewed, and consumed at the start of each class to further enhance the learning experience. Limited to 98 students.



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Today's Tidbits

"This chirping is not in the least malicious. They sing without giving us a thought and they are as many as the seed of Abraham. They have a life of their own, they fly without thinking. Some are rare, some are common, but every wing is grace."

— Dahlia Ravikovitch

Today's Events:

First-Year Students' Reception: 5 PM at Earthworm

Volleyball: After dinner, northeast courts

Gilmore Fireside Reading: 9 PM

Barn Dinner Menu

Roast turkey with cranberry cornbread stuffing or country fritata; mashed red-skinned potatoes; roasted vegetables; cheesebread; strawberry shortcake.

Weather Watch

Today

Partly sunny and muggy, highs in the 80's; chance of a shower or storm.

Friday

Variable clouds, very humid, storms likely. Highs around 80.

Weekend

Mostly cloudy, around 80, chance of showers.

Gilmore Men Mete Mystery

As per Jim Maddox's wishes, the Men of Gilmore will continue the time-honored tradition of a fireside reading this evening at 9 with a surprise guest. A ceremonial passage from Joseph Battell's (in)famous novel *Ellen* will precede the featured reader. Fresh beverages will be provided for all; please bring your own mugs if possible along with some spare bills and change for the collection hat. This weekly mystical experience will likely become one of your most treasured Bread Loaf memories. So it is written, so it shall come to pass.

First-Summer Students Assemble

Director Jim Maddox invites students new to Bread Loaf's Vermont campus to a reception at Earthworm Manor (the white house on the right just east of campus on Route 125) this afternoon at 5. At this time, students will be able to mingle with one another and meet members of the Bread Loaf staff. Information about various aspects of campus life will also be made available.

"Since Our English Talks in Many Tongues..."

Professor John Fleming and the Chaucerians invite one and all to improve their spoken Middle English by attending practice sessions today and tomorrow at 2 PM in Barn 5.

Seniors to Gather, Go Over Graduation Guidelines

Members of the senior class will gather in the Blue Parlor on Friday at 5 PM for their first official meeting of the summer. At this time commencement policies and procedures will be discussed in detail, and students will vote on the class president, commencement speaker, and hooder. Attendance is somewhat imperative; if you simply cannot make this meeting, please check in at the Bread Loaf office for information.

Frisbee-Flingers Rally for Record

Last night's Ultimate Frisbee gathering set a new record for participation here at Bread Loaf, and so coach Gary Montano has responded by scheduling another game or two for tomorrow evening at 7. He writes: "The last game was awesome as over 35 Bread Loafers, old and new, braved the pounding rain for some of the best frisbee tossing this side of Ripton."

"They Also Serve Who Only Stand and Wait"

Bread Loaf's elite Waitstaff will be having a wild and raucous party in a few days, and they want YOU to come.* They're also the coolest, most tightly knit group of extraordinary people on the Bread Loaf campus, and they want YOU to share in the magic.* Waiters have special dining privileges not available to the general Bread Loaf population, and they want YOU to have all this and more.* Why be normal?* Join their ranks today!*

*Waiters are paid a work-study scholarship in return for their hard work and commitment. If you would like to apply for one of the remaining positions, please speak to Elaine Lathrop in the Bread Loaf office or track down one of the HeadWaiters, Aerie or Tim, during mealtimes.

Actors Do Read-Through

The first read-through of *The Threepenny Opera* will take place this evening at 7 in the Burgess Meredith Theater. Everyone is invited to attend. There will also be talk and discussion about design decisions for the production. The rehearsal will begin at 7; the actual reading will most likely begin around 7:30.

Student Needs Read-To

Readers are needed to assist Sejal Sutaria, a Bread Loaf student who is visually impaired. A commitment of two to six hours per week is desired; readers will be paid \$6 an hour for their help. If interested, contact Elaine in the office or Sejal herself at ext. 33 (Inn 1) for more information.

Writers Can Read-Blue

Each summer, members of the Bread Loaf community share their writing in the semi-informal Blue Parlor Readings on Sunday evenings. This year, Vicky Lopez and Shannon McCreery will co-host the popular series. Interested writers (poetry, fiction, plays, and essays) should sign up for a time slot on a first-come, first-served basis on the sheet at the Front Desk. Readers are still needed for this Sunday's inaugural event. Contact Vicky (Cherry 7) or Shannon (Inn 31) for more details.

Film Fans Face N x NW

Alfred Hitchcock's thriller "North by Northwest" will kick off this summer's Friday Night Film series in the Barn. This movie set new high standards for the suspense genre and features a number of classic nail-biting scenes. The feature begins at 9 pm; please remember that the Snack Bar will close for the evening shortly beforehand.

Texas Stars in the Vermont Night

Everyone is invited to the Barn this Saturday night for a traditional country square dance featuring Francis Cram and his band. Caller Tom Bahre will demystify all the moves and steps for you, including the Ladies' Chain, the Allemande Left, and the aforementioned Texas Star. Assistance will also be available for the directionally impaired. Whether you're looking to swing that gent, lady, or faculty member across the hall, the event promises to be fun for all. Refreshments will be served. The festivities will go on from 9 until midnight.

Coffeehouse Coordinators Track Down Talent

Whether you're a Dylan double, a Madonna wannabe, or Bread Loaf's resident ocarina diva (and yes, we do have one), you might consider sharing your talents at this summer's Coffeehouse series. The events will be coordinated by Nancy Jennings (Tamarack 10) and Christa Bruce (Cherry 8) and normally occur two or three times a summer. If you're interested in performing, please be in touch with them ASAP so that interest can be measured and a schedule determined.

Job Conferencing the BreadNet Way

One of the most effective ways to engage in job-hunting during the summer and throughout the School Year is to check the "Jobs" conference folder on BreadNet. Here you will find postings from schools in need of new faculty, as well as announcements from those who are looking for new positions. Job listings will also be posted on the bulletin board outside of the Bread Loaf office.

Smith Bench to be Dedicated

This evening at 7:15 on the West Lawn, a short dedication ceremony will take place for the Ryder and Margaret Smith Memorial Bench. The Smiths were previous Caretakers of the Bread Loaf campus and therefore good friends of the School of English. Those who remember them and wish to pay their respects are welcome to attend the dedication.

Weston Wants Work

Weston Donehower of Gilmore 4 writes that he is currently looking for a job in teaching, educational administration, or public policy, preferably in a public 9-12 setting. Please be in touch with him for more details if you have any leads.

Warm Wishes

"Happy Birthday to Kerry Galson!" — With love, SA.

Coming Attractions

Tune in to this space tomorrow for the return of the Top Ten lists, back by popular demand.



The Crumb

Your Weekday Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

Volume 79, Number 4

Friday, June 26, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"Violent fires soon burn out themselves; Small showers last long, but sudden storms are short."

— ? (see article)

Today's Events:

Senior Meeting: 5 PM in Blue Parlor

Volleyball: After dinner, northeast courts

Film: "North by Northwest": 9 PM in Barn

Dinner Menu

Baked fish with tomato, fennel, basil, and white wine or stuffed zucchini; wild rice pilaf, lima beans and red peppers, oatmeal rolls, and chocolate cake for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Stormy, with possible hail and high winds. Highs in the 80's.

Saturday

Cooler, with variable clouds and showers.

Sunday

Clouds diminishing, becoming warmer.

Prescient Seniors Consider Commencement

Members of the senior class are reminded of this afternoon's important class meeting in the Blue Parlor at 5. At this time, details of commencement planning will be reviewed, including information about guest housing, caps and gowns, and the Senior Banquet. Members of the class will also vote on the Commencement Speaker, Hooder, and Class President. Please plan on attending if at all possible.

Madrigalist Leader Dearly Needed

Each summer, Bread Loaf assembles a wondrous group of singers who perform as a prelude to the theater production and at the commencement ceremony in August. This year, however, we find ourselves without a leader. If you feel worthy and/or capable of assuming the role of Madrigalist maestro or maestra this summer, please speak to Jim Maddox as soon as possible.

Waiters Wish for Dining Refinement

Bread Loaf's waitstaff continues in their search for new talent to help make community meals go more smoothly and efficiently. Anyone interested in becoming a waiter, for which you will receive ample compensation, please speak to Elaine in the office. If you'd just like to place your name on the substitute list, please speak to the HeadWaiters.

The waitstaff also reminds diners not to linger after their linguine, dally after their apple crisp, or dawdle after their waffles and coffee. Conversations should be continued outside the dining hall while the waiters clean up and prepare for their own classes and studies. Please be considerate and move along at the end of your meal.

Library Realizes Researchers' Reveries

Librarian Chris Brady writes: "Bread Loaf offers an amazing array of library resources and services that surprise even the most seasoned researchers. Without leaving your computer, you can command codaphiles in town to fetch and deliver almost any item in Starr Library, order printers to produce thousands of pages of full text journal articles, search valuable databases worldwide, and gain access to collections and books that reside in some very prestigious addresses. Get an introduction to this valuable opportunity this afternoon from 1:30-2:00 in the Davison Library upstairs conference room (second floor)."

Sports Reports

Come rain, hail, or highest winds, Gary Montañio will lead the fearless Frisbee team to the fields once more this evening at 7 p.m. for a short practice and then a game or two. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Soccer coach Frank Betkowski writes: "Perhaps in celebration of this year's World Cup, people would be interested in playing soccer. We'll start next Tuesday at 4:30 PM. In the interest of determining numbers, there will be a sign-up sheet posted outside the dining room. Bring a ball if you have one."

Softball games traditionally take place on Sunday afternoons at 2 here on the Mountain, and are sometimes accompanied by a challenge from the rather colorful Ripton team. Though no coach has yet stepped forward to lead the squad this summer, interested players should gather east of the Barn for a possible game; bats and gloves will be available on the front porch of Treman if needed.

Actors and Faculty Interact

A reminder to the faculty from Theater Director Alan MacVey: There will be a meeting with members of the Acting Ensemble this afternoon at 5 in Barn 2 to discuss plans for utilizing the actors in classroom discussions and presentations.

Hitchcock Thriller Spills Across Silver Screen

Cary Grant and Yves Marie-Saint star in tonight's feature film, Alfred Hitchcock's "North by Northwest." Come share the thrills as the couple race across the country, pursued by mobsters, cops, and crop dusters and chased around the face of Mount Rushmore. The suspense commences at 9 in the Barn.



Dare to Be Squared

Francis Cram and his country band will provide both music and merriment along with caller Tom Bahre in the Barn tomorrow night from 9-12. Come dance a jig and swing to your heart's content as we revel in the olden tones of such classics as "Golden Slippers" and "Spanish Caballero." You can also catch Dare Clubb demonstrating how to dig for the oysters and dive for the clams. Frothy refreshments will be available; please bring an ID to the dance if your youthful appearance would warrant suspicions of underagedness.

Wedding Bells for Balasubramanian

Former Bread Loafer Kartik Balasubramanian will celebrate his wedding tomorrow afternoon here on the West Lawn of the Bread Loaf campus. The service will begin at 3:45, with a reception to follow. Anyone interested in attending and wishing the happy couple good wishes should be in touch with Dianne in the Bread Loaf office sometime today for details.

Blue for You

Sunday evening marks the opening of the 1998 Blue Parlor Reading series and features community writers Chris Benson, Tim Delehaunty, Jen Lighty, and Samantha Dunaway. Each will read from his or her work for about 10-15 minutes, with refreshments provided both before and after the event. Come and support the Bread Loaf Muse; seating will be on a first-come, most-comfortable basis with the reading beginning at 7. Anyone else interested in signing up for a reading time should check the schedule at the Front Desk for available openings.

NEH Program Participants Meet

Students receiving NEH funding and faculty participating in their projects should plan to meet Monday afternoon at 5 p.m. in Barn 1.

LesBiGay Loafers Host Social Hour

Members of Bread Loaf's gay, lesbian, and bisexual community will gather on Monday afternoon before dinner in the Blue Parlor for a social hour. With strong representation among students, staff, and faculty, the Mountain offers a surprisingly welcoming environment for interaction and discussion of l/g/b/t issues, particularly as they affect the classroom. Come out just to meet the rest of us, or to make plans for possible trips and presentations this summer. Refreshments will be available beginning at 5.

Rural Networkers Connect

On Monday evening, teachers and faculty members who have participated in rural telecommunications exchanges will meet with those Bread Loafers interesting in joining or initiating their own similar projects in the future. This meeting, the first of several anticipated for the summer, will take place in the Barn classrooms; check Monday's *Crumb* for location.

Pixley Precipitates Poetry Group

Any member of the Bread Loaf community interested in joining an informal poetry group should contact Marcella Pixley as soon as possible. If all goes well, Marcella hopes to have the group up and running next week.

On BreadNet: Of Bards and Baud Rates

John Kissinger writes: "I am coordinating a telecommunications exchange between Susanne Wofford's freshman Shakespeare class at the University of Wisconsin, my own class of AP English students in Colorado, and, we hope, students from other parts of the country. We seek two or three other teachers who will be (or would like to join us in) teaching *As You Like It* in November and who would like to have their students participate in such an exchange." Contact John on BreadNet, in Annex 12, or by campus mail for more details.

Smokers Exhorted to Postpone Puffing

A concerned community member writes: "Please post a note to the smoking community not to smoke directly in front of the Barn during class hours. The smoke wafts into the classrooms, especially during the hot weather when fans are in use."

List Service

The list of names and addresses of Bread Loaf students, faculty, and staff will soon be ready for distribution to everyone attending Bread Loaf this summer. If you do not want your actual address or e-mail address to appear on this list, please inform Dianne Baroz by next Wednesday, July 1.

Sitters Sought

Jacques Lezra writes: "Susanne (Wofford) and I are searching for a person to take care of our children, two boys 6 and 9, on Saturday night. The person taking care of them could easily do so at the square dance. Time: roughly 7 to 11. Exorbitant rewards of every sort, including academic, are offered. More generally, we'd be very interested in hearing from anyone who can and will baby-sit at other times as well. Yours desperately, Jacques and Susanne."

Quid Pro Quote™

Each day the *Crumb* provides its readers with a literary morsel to ponder and reflect upon. Occasionally, the Editor invites readers to test their intellect and identify this Quote-of-the-Day™. Submit your guesses (in writing, please) to the *Crumb* by lunch tomorrow, and you may find your name listed in the Winner's Circle ® in Monday's edition. Extra points are given for identifying both the author and the text. At the end of the session, the *Crumb* will present a prize to the person displaying the most persistent perspicacity.

Wherefore Art Thou, Top Ten List?

Alas, we are out of room for the "Top Ten" list. Check back Monday (or Tuesday, or Wednesday).



The Crumb

Your Weekday Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

Volume 79, Number 5

Monday, June 29, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"It is not the hand but the understanding of a man that may be said to write."

— ? (see article)

Today's Events:

NEH Meeting: 5 PM,
Barn 1

Lesbigay Social: 5 PM
in Blue Parlor

Telecommunications
Panel: 7:30 PM, Barn 1

Dinner Menu

Chicken Piccata or cashew chili with cornbread, tri-colored rotini, sautéed zucchini and summer squash, and a mystery dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Flood Watch and Storm Warning.

Storms developing this afternoon and evening, some with heavy rains, thunder, hail and high winds. Highs in 70's.

Tomorrow

More of the same.

Wednesday

Lingering showers, highs in the 70's. It will get drier thereafter.

More Meteorological Mayhem

The National Weather Service has once again issued flood watches for our portion of Vermont with the expectation of severe storms late today through tomorrow. Torrential downpours, heavy lightning, and the possibility of hail and high winds have all been forecast. Computer users are reminded to save often during such storms, as power outages have become par for the course here on the Mountain.

Please also use extreme caution when traveling along local roads, many of which have already eroded and been significantly weakened. As Michael Cadden can tell you following his close encounter with an o'er-rushing stream, roadways can give way without warning. Dedication of the newly-formed Cadden Chasm will take place when and if sunnier weather prevails; the post-plunge professor reports that he's overjoyed that it won't be called the Michael Cadden Memorial Chasm.

Talkin' Bout Telecommunications

Bread Loafers interested in how telecommunications can be utilized in the classroom will want to check out this evening's panel discussion on the topic. Joe Koon, Victor Luftig, Stephen Schadler, Michelle Wyman-Warren, and the newly-returned Lucy Maddox will discuss their involvement in on-line exchanges and offer opportunities and advice to those who wish to initiate similar projects at their schools. Other meetings on the topic will follow as the summer progresses. This real-time exchange begins at 7:30 in Barn 1.

Bread Loafers Expose Themselves

Staff shutterbug Ed Brown hopes to snap this summer's all-school photograph tomorrow at 12:30 (just before lunch). Students are asked to gather around the stone wall across from the Inn beforehand for painless posing prior to picture-taking time. Ed will take the faculty and staff photographs immediately after lunch (about 1:30) on the West Lawn.

On Wednesday, DeWitt Wallace teachers and Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network students should gather on the porch of the Inn before lunch for their group portraits. The senior class will be shot after lunch in the same place.

On Thursday, Bread Loaf's WaitStaff will have their chance to mug for the camera just before serving the mid-day meal. Check at the Front Desk for weather and scheduling updates unless we all want to have a School Photo featuring nothing but a sea of hooded slickers on the wet and glistening grass.

NEH Program Participants Meet

There will be a meeting this afternoon for students receiving NEH funding as well as faculty members participating in their projects. Attendees should gather at 5 p.m. in Barn 1.

Pride in the Parlors

Following this past weekend's Gay Pride events in New York City and San Francisco, members of Bread Loaf's gay, lesbian, and bisexual community will gather this afternoon at 5 for their own social event in the Blue Parlor. In addition to simply meeting one another, the informal group may go on to identify local resources, discuss plans for possible trips, and/or consider related presentations for the summer. For more information, contact Hugh c/o the *Crumb*.

First Faculty Forum Features Fleming

Tomorrow evening at 7:30 in Barn 2, John Fleming will kick off the summer's Faculty Reading Series with a presentation of his work-in-progress. These enlightening sessions allow our community a chance to witness the evolution of academic scholasticism firsthand, and quite often lead to lively discussion throughout the summer. All are welcome at tomorrow's talk.

Doin' the Drew

Each summer, the Bread Loaf School of English invites a distinguished literary academician to deliver the annual Elizabeth Drew Memorial Lecture. This summer, Lawrence Buell of Harvard will speak to the community. All members of the Bread Loaf community are invited and encouraged to attend; the event will take place on Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Burgess Meredith Theater.

Disarming Drama Dharma

On Wednesday evening from 7:30-10:30, Carol MacVey will present a workshop for teachers (K-12+) interested in an alternative approach to using drama in the classroom. Carol writes: "Often teachers want to include dramatic activities but feel daunted by their own lack of experience or training. The 'Drama Process' technique requires no formal theater training, no equipment, no scripts, and no hierarchy; everyone is involved equally and constantly." The three-hour hands-on workshop is limited to 24; sign up on the bulletin board outside the Bread Loaf office.

Sports Shorts and Fitness Bits

The open hours for Middlebury College's Fitness Center have changed for the better; those affected should amend their Summer 1998 Schedule sheets accordingly. The center will now be available on weekdays from noon to 9 PM and on weekends from 9 AM to 3 PM. Remember to bring your ID.

Soccer instigator Frank Betkowski hopes that the soccer fields won't become water polo pools over the next two days and that soccer will carry on as scheduled tomorrow afternoon at 4:30. Those wishing to play are encouraged to sign up outside the dining hall; bring a ball if you have one. In the event of heavy flooding, Bread Loaf's synchronized skinny-dipping team will take to the fields instead following last Saturday's post-square dance rehearsal.

Moirá Donovan writes: "I am training for the fall Boston—New York AIDS Ride. Anyone interested in doing some afternoon road-bike riding, please let me know. Right now Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons look good. Leave a note in Box 2398, or grab me at meal time."

Several students have expressed an interest in organizing early morning yoga sessions, but a leader is needed. Please send a note to the *Crumb* if you'd like to be put in this position.

Bark Worse Than Bytes

Computer users are reminded to be as quiet as their mice when working in the Apple Cellar so as not to disturb those working around them. Students, staff, and faculty members are also advised that as demand for computer time increases, e-mailers, cyber-chatters, and net-surfers will be asked to cede their spaces to students with class-related work.

A Way with Awards

Jim Maddox will announce the recipients of Bread Loaf's named scholarships during a special dinner this Wednesday evening in the dining hall. Off-campus students may wish to purchase meal tickets prior to the event in order to attend.

Of Faith and Fellowship

Pearl Chin, a first-year student, would like to know if there is anyone in the Bread Loaf community who would like to meet for Christian fellowship, Bible study, or prayer. If you are interested, please leave a message for Pearl in her mailbox.

Bound for Boston

Carin Aquiline writes: "Anyone driving to Boston for July 4th who would like a paying rider? If so, please contact me in Inn 23 or drop a note via the mail."

Quixotic Quote™ Stumps Students

The *Crumb* Editor sorrowfully reports that no one identified William Shakespeare as the author of last Friday's Quote-of-the-Day™, an excerpt from *King Richard*. Today's quote should provide readers with a much better chance at fame and fortune, especially given the "hidden" clue in the headline of this story. Submit your guess by dinner tonight and see your name in the Winner's Circle tomorrow.

Director Decrees Class Cancellations

In a bold break with tradition, Director Jim Maddox has announced that he will suspend classes on Independence Day. (Bread Loaf does not normally observe the holiday.) In order to further a sense of community celebration, he has also given his consent to a no-holds-barred dance party in the Barn on Saturday evening. As a special gesture of patriotism, Jim plans to reenact Jimi Hendrix's classic interpretation of "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the dance.

Square Dance Spawns Possible Sequel

A number of Bread Loafers have expressed a desire for a "duck-and-dive redux" this summer. In order to gauge community interest in a second square dance, we have decided to take a quick poll on the matter. If you WOULD like to have another square dance, tear off the "YES" symbol in the LEFT corner of this *Crumb* and drop it into the voting box at the Front Desk by noon tomorrow. (or write "Yes" on a piece of paper and do the same.) If you would NOT like to have another square dance, tear off the "NO" symbol on the RIGHT corner and drop it into the same box by the same time. For the chronic directionally impaired: when you raise up your hands palms-forward, the Left one makes an "L" between the thumb and forefinger.

Top Ten Takes Off (Again)

Once again, the *Crumb* offers its readers a chance to demonstrate their wit and wisdom in the Top Ten lists. Here's how it works: Each Friday a Top Ten list will appear, along with the topic for the next week's list. You or your team have until the following Thursday to come up with responses to the topic, at which time a respected panel of judges will sift through the submissions and select the best ten (or twenty) for publication in the next day's edition.

The first topic will be "Top Ten Signs We've Had Too Much Rain." An encore presentation of an updated list from years past is provided below to demonstrate the nature of this campus-wide competition.

Top Ten Reasons to Come to Bread Loaf

10. You'll come for the classes; you'll stay for the *Crumb*.
9. Skin-so-Soft addicts treated with understanding and compassion here.
8. You finally get to meet Elaine Lathrop.
7. Recent issue of GQ featured fashion spread on alluring "Guys of Gilmore."
6. The finely manicured clay/grass tennis courts.
5. Confused Bread Loaf with language schools; hoped to spend summer meeting French chicks.
4. Came to Vermont early to avoid long ski lift lines.
3. Only spot in rural America where Rush Limbaugh can't be heard on radio.
2. Only school in country where being "full of beans" is adequate qualification for enrollment.
1. The Meat Loaf School of Mathematics was all full up.



The Crumb

Your Weekday Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Tuesday, June 30, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"The moon drops one or two feathers into the field.

The dark wheat listens. Be still.

Now.

There they are, the moon's young, trying Their wings."

— James Wright

Today's Events:

Soccer: 4:30 PM, field

Poetry Meeting: 5 PM, Inn Seminar Room

Faculty Reading (John Fleming): 7:30 PM in the Barn

Dinner Menu

Lamp chops or green bean casserole with steamed wild rice, creamed spinach, parkerhouse rolls, and pumpkin pie for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Storms expected this afternoon and evening, some with heavy rains, thunder, hail and high winds. Highs in 70's.

Tomorrow

Windy and cooler, highs in 60's.

Thursday

Clear, 75-80.

Fleming Encounters Columbus and Cannibals

Professor John Fleming will inaugurate the 1998 Faculty Reading Series this evening at 7:30 in Barn 2 with a presentation on Columbus and the Cannibals. These lectures offer faculty members an opportunity to share their works in progress with the Bread Loaf community and quite often result in lively discussions. All are welcome to attend.

Of Flash Floods and Photography

Weather permitting, school photo sessions will continue as follows: Faculty and staff after lunch today on the west lawn; DeWitt Wallace teachers and Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network students before lunch tomorrow on the Inn porch; Seniors after lunch tomorrow on the Inn Porch; Waiters before lunch on Thursday on the Inn Porch. Check at the Front Desk for schedule changes in the event of inclement conditions.

Poets Ponder Words on the World Wide Web

Bread Loaf extends a warm welcome to Bruno Navasky and Matt Brogan, who are visiting our campus from the Academy of American Poets. This afternoon at 5 in the Inn Seminar Room (behind the kitchen), the two of them will discuss the Academy's efforts to utilize Internet technology and the World Wide Web in their mission to further the reach and impact of poetry. All are invited to come and hear more about their plans.

Melissa Solicits Madrigalists

Melissa Walter has stepped forward to assume the mastraship of the Bread Loaf Madrigalists, who perform their delightful songs during our late-summer "theater season" and at Commencement. Any and all interested in joining the group (singing experience is not required, though you should be able to distinguish an A from an F, and we aren't talking grades here...) should attend an organizational meeting tomorrow afternoon at 5 in the Barn, or seek out Melissa for more information.

The Secret Lives of Seniors

Members of the Senior Class will meet again in the Blue Parlor on Thursday at 4:45 PM. Co-class Presidents Gary Montaño and Stephen Schadler will review commencement procedures, schedule subsequent meetings and exclusive social opportunities, and unveil their top-secret plans for a Mutiny on the Mountain.

A Dream of a Drama Program

Carol MacVey will present a workshop tomorrow evening for teachers (K-12+) seeking a simple, effective, and non-threatening means to incorporate drama in their curricula. Carol writes: "It's time to shake loose the tyranny of the 'Diminutive Broadway Model' of how to create theater in this country!" The three-hour "Drama Process" workshop runs from 7:30 to 10:30; space is limited to 24. Pre-register on the bulletin board outside the Bread Loaf office to take part. Additional sessions will be scheduled if there's enough interest.

Scholars Honored During Dinner

Jim Maddox will honor the recipients of Bread Loaf's named scholarships along with various grant and fellowship award winners during tomorrow evening's banquet in the dining hall. Off-campus students are welcome to attend free of charge; however, due to space limitations, we cannot accommodate families in the dining hall. Anyone wishing to review the original Bread Loaf NEH grant proposal can find a copy on reserve at the library.

Buell's Drew Two Days Away

Lawrence Buell of Harvard University will return to the Bread Loaf campus to deliver this summer's Elizabeth Drew Memorial Lecture on Thursday, July 2, at 7:30 in the Theater. This auspicious event, named after one of Bread Loaf's most memorable teachers and scholars, serves as the highlight of the School's academic lecture series. All are encouraged to attend.

Dance Plans Advance

By a margin of two to one, Bread Loafers have spoken in favor of a second square dance. Should Francis Cram's band's schedule allow, an encore evening of swinging, reeling, and allemande lefting will take place next Saturday, July 11th, in the Barn.

This coming Saturday night, resident disc jockey Hugh "Snoop Crumby Crumb" Coyle will once again spin the discs for a rock/funk/disco/punk/techno/Motown/country/Latin/swing/hip-hop/house happening in the Barn (not necessarily in that order). In honor of the holiday, revelers are invited to wear red, white, or blue. The bash will begin at 9 and end around 1; refreshments will be provided. If there is a song that you absolutely positively feel you must hear during the evening, please send Hugh a note before Friday c/o the *Crumb* and he'll do his best to accommodate your request.

Dance Plans (Continued)

Bread Loafers are also forewarned about the infamous Suppressed Desires party scheduled for Saturday, July 25th. Last year's transformation of the Barn into the "Shag Shack" by the Theater Crew may be well nigh impossible to surpass, but any group willing to try is welcome to nominate themselves as potential hosts of the shin-dig. Those who haven't already been shopping for costume accessories will appreciate this advance notice, particularly new students who may have at first been befuddled by the appearance of feather boas, sequined dresses, and platform shoes in their roommate's wardrobe.

Sports Reports

A clarification to the Fitness Center hours on the Middlebury College: the Center will continue its early morning hours on weekdays from 6:30-8:00 AM.

Weather permitting, Bread Loaf's soccer squad hopes to take to the fields this afternoon at 4:30. Bring along a ball if you have one. For more information, contact Frank Betkowski.

Ashley Elder of the Theater Crew seeks backpacking partners for an extended trip in the mountains following the close of the summer session. If anyone is interested in joining her on the trail, please see her sometime soon to make arrangements.

Talent Scouts Scour

Campus for Coffeehouse Acts

Plans are underway for the Mountain's first summer coffeehouse, to be held next Friday evening (July 10) prior to the movie in the Barn. If you have a skit, song, story, dance, or performance piece that you would like to premiere for an appreciative audience, please let Nancy Jennings or Christa Bruce know as soon as possible so that they can develop a lineup for the evening.

Post-Supper Storytime

Nancy Jennings will offer "Storytime" in the Blue Parlor tomorrow evening immediately after dinner (6:45). Though the program is intended primarily for children, adults are welcome to attend as well.

CPR/EMT List at Inn Desk

Any members of the Bread Loaf community who are CPR certified or trained as EMTs are encouraged to sign up on the list at the Front Desk. This information provides our campus with another layer of security in the event that the nurses are not on duty during a health emergency. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Go West, Young Loafers

After careful consultation with both parents and their progeny, it has been determined that the West Lawn provides a safe and ample playspace for children following the evening meal in the dining hall. This allows for less distracted discussion on the Inn porch, where students and faculty often rejoin after coffee. Bread Loaf families are encouraged to convene accordingly.

Last Gasp for Lost Gospels

Lost: One Oxford Study Bible

Last seen: Sat. June 27th in the Apple Cellar. Staff reports it was in their lost and found but is no longer.

Distinguishing marks: curled cover corners and cryptic notes and checks beside interesting scripture.

Return to: Karen Loutzenheiser in Bloomfield 47.

Reward: God will bless you.

Ripton Church Services Resume

Summer services (in the Methodist tradition) will commence in the Ripton Church this coming Sunday, July 5th, at 9:30 a.m. The Reverend Rich Neal will preside over the pulpit. The church is located on Route 125, to your right just as you enter the "center" of Ripton.

Cervantes Elicits Letter from Lezra

"Yesterday's quotation, obviously, is from the prologue to *Don Quixote*, part II, the author none other than the infamous manco of Lepanto, Cervantes. For more particulars allow me to refer you to my tome on the subject, published last year and with an unbearably long chapter devoted to these very lines. Yours abjectly, Jacques."

In addition to Professor Lezra, Stephen Schadler and Susan Terrano also correctly identified the Quote-of-the-Day™ and therefore join him in the Winner's Circle®. More fun with quotes to come later in the week.



The Crumb (Epistolary Edition)

Your Weekday Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Wednesday, July 1, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"There is a sumptuous variety about the New England weather that compels the stranger's admiration — and regret... Yes, one of the brightest gems in the New England weather is the dazzling uncertainty of it."

— ?

Today's Events:

Ultimate Frisbee: 7 PM, field

Drama Process Workshop: 7:30 PM, am 1

Dinner Menu

New York strip steak or spinach lasagna, roasted potatoes, peas and carrots, marble bread, carrot cake for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Rain, followed by plagues of frogs and locusts. Highs in the 70's.

Tomorrow

Clearing, colder, snow possible.

Friday

Typhoon warning; glaciation likely.

The Forecast from Ararat

Dear *Crumb*: What's up with the weather? — Drenched in the Trenches

Dear Professor Cadden—uh, I mean "Drenched." Well, this morning's 9 AM check on the Internet Weather Channel yielded a report of sunny skies for our area, while elsewhere on the Web, flood warnings continued to appear. Obviously, the New England weather is difficult to predict. Heavy rains forecast for Vermont over the past couple of days did occur, though they went north and south of us here on the Mountain, offering us a short and welcome reprieve. Not so last night and this morning, however. The instability will hold out for another day or so, after which clearer and drier weather will prevail. For a few hours.

Photo Postponement

Dear *Crumb*: I just got a great new longshoreman's macintosh that I'd like to feature in my senior photo. When will I get a chance to flaunt my newly-found fashionwear? —Gortex Graduate

Dear Gortex: Today's weather forecast, though it seems to suit you fine, doesn't bode well for Ed Brown, our staff photographer. Because of the wet weather, the picture schedule has been moved up a day, and so will resume tomorrow as follows: DeWitt Wallace and BLRTN folks before lunch tomorrow; seniors after lunch tomorrow; Waitstaff before lunch on Friday. Check the Front Desk for up-to-date times and locations.

Grant Right and Left

Dear *Crumb*: I've just been told that I'm to be awarded Bread Loaf's prestigious Square Dance Scholarship for my performance last Saturday night. When will news of my achievement be broadcast to the rest of the community? —Ally Mandleft

Dear Ally: Named scholarships and professorships will be announced during this evening's Awards Dinner in the dining hall. Off-campus students are invited to attend the event as well, but due to recent over-crowding in the dining hall, we regret that we cannot accommodate families.

Melissa Elicits Musicianship

Dear *Crumb*: I've been practicing some great new versions of "Row Row Row Your Boat" and "Wade in the Water" that I'd like to share with the Bread Loaf community. Are there any opportunities for singing in a vocal group or choir this summer? —Shower Chanteuse

Dear Shower: Actually, you're in luck, because this afternoon at 5 in the Barn, Melissa Walter will gather together all those interested in becoming part of the Bread Loaf Madrigalists this summer. There's no experience necessary, just a willingness to learn both new and old material and explore wondrous musical horizons.

Fearless Theater

Dear *Crumb*: I've been trying to start a theater program in my school for years now, but I feel so unprepared and inexperienced. Isn't there an easier way to introduce my students to drama? —Stagefrightened Neophyte

Dear Neo: Has Carol MacVey got a program for you! This evening, from 7:30–10:30 in the Barn classrooms, Carol will unveil a new technique called "Drama Process" which is guaranteed to get you quick and painless results. All she asks in return is that you sign up in advance on the sheet outside the Bread Loaf office, as space is limited to 24.

Buell to Peruse Postmodern Places

Dear *Crumb*: I've got Thursday night marked off for the Drew lecture on my calendar, but I'd still like to know a little bit more about what I can expect. What more can you tell us about this important annual event? —Well-Scheduled Scholar

Dear Scholar: The Drew Memorial Lecture honors the legacy of Elizabeth Drew, one of Bread Loaf's most popular and inspiring teachers of the past century, while allowing an opportunity to recognize the academic achievement of the lecturer himself or herself. This year, Lawrence Buell of Harvard University will deliver the address, entitled "Reimagining Place in a Postmodern World." His presentation will begin at 7:30 PM in the Burgess Meredith Theater.

Curricularly Challenged Change Courses

Dear *Crum Dude*: I kinda want to change out from my class on Modern Grammer and instead in roll in the course which is called Dante's *Divine Comedy* (I like comedies but I dont remember if I've ever seen the one starring Dante) because the other one is away to tuff. Is it two late? —Brain-Dead in Brandybrook

Dear Brain-Dead: Elaine Lathrop in the Bread Loaf office advises that course change requests must be officially processed by this Friday. Jim Maddox would also like to have a word with you about your position as the 99th first-year student admitted this summer.



Faux Frost in Forecast

Dear *Crumb*: I know Vermont's weather can be somewhat difficult for the faint of heart, but when I heard Jim Maddox himself talking about the possibilities of frost this weekend, I panicked. Please say it ain't so. —Meteorologically Intimidated

Dear Meteor: Don't panic, picnic. You obviously overheard Jim talking about this Saturday's school-wide field trip to the Frost cabin for late afternoon festivities and our evening meal. Tickets for the event must be picked up at the Front Desk so that the proper number of meals can be prepared; the Bread Loaf van will also make trips back and forth for those not wanting to make the mile-or-so trek west on Route 125 to the picnic site. No meal will be served in the dining hall that evening. Unless, of course, it rains, in which case: panic, don't picnic.

A Notion for Motion Pictures

Dear *Crumb*: Are you the same guy as that weird cartoonist in the movie of the same name? —Film Fanatic

Dear Fanatic: Sorry to say, I'm not. But if you like movies, you'll adore this Friday night's feature in the Barn. It's a delightful romantic ghost story called "Truly, Madly, Deeply." The film will begin at 9.

Make Way for Stories on Stormy Days

Dear *Crumb*: You've mentioned that the West Lawn is a great place for the little ones to gather after dinner here on the Mountain, but with all this wet weather, what are they to do? —Worried for the Wittle Wet Ones

Dear Worried: As luck may have it, there will be a Storytelling hour this evening in the Blue Parlor after dinner. Led by Nancy Jennings, this presentation should appeal to the young and the old alike.

Heath-Seeking Missive

Dear *Crumb*: Could you please place the following appeal in your publication: "Wanted: Humanist with an artist's eye for rendering numbers, a gift for using Excel and/or PowerPoint to turn statistics into clear, visual forms. Small job (about four hours), large reward. Contact Shirley Brice Heath."

Nu-Way News

Dear *Crumb*: I subscribed to the linen service this summer, but don't know what to do to get new sheets. Any advice? P.S.: Do they charge extra to remove wine stains? —Man in Annex

Dear Man: You can exchange your old linen for new this Friday out behind the Inn between noon and 1 PM. Look for the Nu-Way linen truck, and plan to arrive earlier rather than later if possible. As for the alcohol stains, just be thankful you weren't drinking tequila. Or were you?

Seniors Seek Secrecy

Dear *Crumb*: Please remind members of the Senior Class that there will be an important meeting tomorrow afternoon at 5 in the Blue Parlor. And stop making any more mention of our plans for a mutiny on the Mountain. Thanks. —Co-class Presidents Gary Montañó and Stephen Schadler

Dear Gary and Steve: Consider it done. And not a word further about the mutiny. It'll be our little secret.

Positioned Properly for the Position

Dear *Crumb*: There's a critical mass of Bread Loafers interested in doing Yoga with no one to lead. Could we put an ad in the *Crumb*? I'm not sure how to go about it, but I'm happy to be the coordinating person. Best, Dawn Blalock, Larch 5.

Dear Dawn: Consider yourself appointed point person for Yoga. Perhaps you could post a sign outside the dining hall announcing a time and place, and maybe even a sign-up sheet to gauge interest?

Loaves and Wishes

Dear *Crumb*: Would you extend an invitation to Christian Bread Loafers to meet for some fun and fellowship? How about coming to Barn East Wednesday night at 7:00 PM to meet for an hour. We'll decide what we want to do as we meet. Thanks. —Brent Strom

Dear Brent: Consider it done with the *Crumb*'s best wishes.

Beat for the Feet

Dear *Crumb*: If last weekend's dance was a square dance, will the next dance be a circle dance? —Jump'n'Jivin' Jim

Dear Jim: Uh, no, not really. This weekend's dance will be a wild mix of gyration-inducing styles, from swing to salsa, house to hip-hop, classic to country, new wave to neo-punk, rock and roll to rhythm and blues. Bread Loaf DJ Hugh "Crust-a Rhymes" Coyle will spin the discs from 9 to 1 in the Barn, and may offer some musical selections for the post-dance skinny-dippin' synchronized swimmin' men'n'wimmin thereafter.

Mystery Man Makes Music on Mountain

Dear *Crumb*: Who was that guy playing the piano in the Barn last night? He was great! —Jazz Fan

Dear Jazz: That would have been none other than Mark Wright, a Bread Loaf alumnus and veteran staff member who has been dearly missed on the Mountain this summer. Here's wishing Mark a warm welcome back to our campus. Here's also hoping that he might be cajoled into an encore tickling of the ivories again this evening after dinner in the Barn, in which case all would be welcome (and well-advised) to go listen.

Make Your Mark in InClement Climes

Dear *Crumb*: I don't get these Quote-of-the-Day™ and Top Ten list things at all. Please explain. —Lost in Larch

Dear Lost: Both the Quote-of-the-Day™ and Top Ten lists are opportunities for Bread Loafers to interact with the *Crumb* and to showcase their comic acumen and coruscating intellect. You can submit your guesses as to the speaker of unattributed quotes to the *Crumb* by breakfast of the day following, and if you're correct, your name will appear in that day's edition. (Oftentimes, a clue appears in the heading for the quote-related story, as it does today.) Top Ten lists appear on Fridays, with submissions due by Thursday dinner. This week's topical topic: Top Ten Signs That We've Had Too Much Rain at Bread Loaf.



The Crumb

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Today's Tidbits

"When I dare to be powerful—to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."

— ?

Today's Events:

Soccer: 4:30 PM, field

Senior Meeting: 4:45 PM, Blue Parlor

Drew Lecture: 7:30 PM, Theater

Reside Reading: 8:00 PM, Gilmore

Dinner Menu

Pork chops with applesauce or fettuccine with broccoli and sundried tomato sauce, baked potatoes, vegetable of the day, pumpernickel bread, Vermont winter's cheddar cheese pie for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Dry and bright at last. Highs in the 70's.

Tomorrow

Partly cloudy. Highs near 80.

Weekend

Mostly fair; chance of showers. Highs in 80's.

Buell To Deliver Drew Lecture Tonight

Lawrence Buell of Harvard University will deliver the 1998 Elizabeth Drew Memorial Lecture this evening at 7:30 in the Burgess Meredith Theater. Buell, who has himself taught at the Bread Loaf School of English a number of times in previous years, will speak on "Reimagining Place in a Postmodern World." All are encouraged to attend.

Photo-a-go-go

With sunny skies prevailing at last, Ed Brown has given the green light for today's photo shoot. BLRTN and DeWitt Wallace students should have already had their pictures taken by press time; the senior class should assemble on the front porch of the Inn following lunch (1:30) for their group portrait. Tomorrow before lunch, Ed will gather together the WaitStaff for their photo. Prints of the pictures will be made available to the entire community in the coming weeks; watch your *Crumbs* for further details.

Stephen's Seniors Meet Montaña's Mutineers

Members of the Senior Class should plan to meet this afternoon at 4:45 in the Blue Parlor for important information and updates from co-Class Presidents Gary Montaña and Stephen Schadler. Gary will also organize the Senior ultimate frisbee team, which plans to "totally deconstruct" the faculty/staff team later in the summer. Please note that the meeting time is earlier than previously reported here in the *Crumb*. The Editor apologizes for the error, and for having leaked secret information about the upcoming mutiny in previous issues. It won't happen again.

Sports Shorts

Soccer Czar Frank Betkowski reports: "Tuesday's soccer game was an unqualified success. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 seem to work for most people, so Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 it is. See you this afternoon, weather permitting!"

Don't forget about post-dinner, pre-Drew Lecture volleyball this evening as well. First one ready to head for the fields, please pick up the ball at the Front Desk.

It's not too soon to start planning for this Sunday afternoon's softball game. Equipment will be made available on the porch of Treman Cottage; warm-up usually starts around 2.

Friday Last Day to Drop/Add Classes

Well that about sums it up, doesn't it? See Elaine in the Bread Loaf office if you still have any questions or concerns.

Video Viewing Availability

In years past, Bread Loaf has utilized the Milkhouse beside the Barn for students' video viewing needs. Owing to some necessary reassignment of space, the School has moved the machinery into the Barn 4 classroom. Students needing to reserve a time between 5 and 11 PM to watch videotapes should sign up at the Front Desk on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Ralph or Shue, the Assistants to the Director, if you have any additional A/V needs or requests.

Linen Pick-Up

A reminder to Nu-Way linen subscribers: the truck will be out in back of the Inn tomorrow before lunch (from noon to 1) for the exchange of old for new.

Delving into Davison's Secrets

The staff of Davison is once again pleased to present a demonstration of the library's advanced data and research capabilities as part of an informational session on utilizing the computerized card catalog. Any and all interested faculty, students, and staff members are encouraged to attend. Gather together upstairs in the library conference room from 1:30-2:00 PM tomorrow for the helpful workshop.

Fairweather Friends Flock to Frost for Fête Champêtre

Weather permitting (oh, dreaded phrase!), the School will partake of an outdoor picnic dinner at the Homer Noble Farm this Saturday afternoon and evening, with possible tours of the nearby Frost Cabin before the meal. Tickets are required for those wishing to feast on the fixins; these should be picked up from the Front Desk before the meal. The dining hall will be closed for Saturday's dinner (unless, heavens forbid, it rains). The van will make round trips for those not able or willing to walk the mile or so along Route 125 and up the dirt road leading to the Farm and Cabin. Bring Frisbees for flinging, kites for flying, eggs for the egg toss, burlap sacks for the three-legged race, and flaming pins for juggling if you feel so inspired. Let's make this a festive event and celebrate the return of drier times.

High-Spirited Cinema

This week's Friday night feature film will be "Truly, Madly, Deeply," a romantic ghost story which has won rave reviews from critics around the globe. The movie will begin at 9 in the Barn; remember that the Snack Bar will close for the night shortly beforehand.

Barn-Rockin' Beats

DJ Hugh "Coylio" Crumb Guy has been assembling a sinister set of foot-stompin', arm-swingin', head-poundin' kick-donkey grooves for this Saturday's dance in the Barn. The jam starts pumping at 9 on the Fourth of July; don't forget to dress accordingly.

4 2 Do Blue 4 U

Four more Bread Loaf readers will present samples of their literary efforts this Sunday evening in the Blue Parlor after dinner. Last week's event set a high standard for the summer in terms of both content and attendance. Plan to arrive early for most comfortable seating; refreshments will be provided by series hostesses Vicki Lopez and Shannon McCreery.

Madrigal Mandate

Melissa Walter reports that the Bread Loaf Madrigalists are now up and singing, though she demands that a few more men motivate themselves into the mix. Rehearsals will proceed on a regular basis throughout the summer, with the group meeting Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 5-5:30 in the Barn. New recruits are always welcome to stop by and contribute their talents to the group.

Coffeehouse Coordinators' Casting Call

Any and all Bread Loafer entertainers interested in sharing their performing talents (singing, strumming, dancing, acting, etc.) are encouraged to contact Nancy Jennings or Christa Bruce sometime soon so that they may be added to next Friday's Coffeehouse line-up. These events offer a wonderful chance to explore the wide range of artistic abilities here on the Mountain, and provide a perfect way to kick back and relax at the end of the week. See Nancy or Christa for more details.

Editor Awed, Re: Lords of Literary Attribution

CyberCrumpers from sister sites near and far outsmarted their mountain-bound counterparts and correctly identified Mark (Samuel Clemens) Twain as the author of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™. Pulling into an early lead for Quote Queenship was Susan Terrano of the Theater Staff, followed closely by former Q-O-T-D™ King Steve Duffy, Janet Atkins, and John Barton. Today's quote and clues (above) should level the playing field a bit, but fear not: they will get tougher toward the home stretch.

Ask Old Piney

Once again this summer, the *Crumb* is pleased to present our local advice columnist, Old Piney. Questions can be submitted c/o the *Crumb*; please keep them brief so that Piney can fashion an adequate reply in the space provided.

Dear Old Piney:

Why is Tamarack up on a hill?

Signed, One of the "Lower Loafers"

Dear Lower:

What a timely question to ask! Legend has it that the Tamarack dormitory was built following the Great Flash Flood of '44, during which Johnson Pond swelled up well beyond its banks and submerged the better part of the Bread Loaf campus.

At the time, visiting scholar Lucia Kravitzniak and her daughter Tamara were caught unsuspectingly playing frisbee on the fields. Rather than clamber atop the Inn for safety when the deluge began, the two women swam to a relatively dry spot further east of the campus. For three days and three nights, mother and daughter camped atop the knoll, and constructed a makeshift cabin from branches and the battered planks of Adirondack chairs which washed upon their shores.

By the time the floodwaters finally receded, Tamara had become somewhat feral, and insisted on remaining in the shack. Lucia, frightened by her daughter's rain-induced mania, trundled over the muddy fields to return to campus. A doctor was called up from Middlebury and a rescue party sent out a day or so later, but by then Tamara was gone. Some say she fled into the woods and lives there still, occasionally startling a Bread Loafer who chances across her path.

In memory of the missing girl, a small cross was erected on the hilltop with the inscription "Tamara K." When the shack finally crumbled in a winter nor'easter several years later, a new dormitory was built on the spot, and today still bears the misspelled name "Tamarack."

One other theory suggests that Tamarack was built on a hill to give the ladies who live there a tactical advantage during attacks and raids by the Men of Annex, but I've been unable to unearth evidence suggesting any such rivalry between the two dormitories or their denizens.

~ Piney

Don't forget: Top Ten entries are due today by dinnertime. This week's topic: Top Ten Signs We've Had Too Much Rain on the Mountain. The winning entries will appear here tomorrow. (And by the way, you don't need to submit a total of ten; the judges will select the best individual entries for inclusion in the final list.)



The Crumb

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Friday, July 3, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"Rare silence of earth's atmosphere as it does not write, thick slate its inextinguishable vaporings.

A few strokes only, broken signals, broached interpretations, remnant of prefix, auspice."

— Agnes Nemes Nagy

Today's Events:

Library Presentation:
1:30 PM, Davison

Ultimate Frisbee Game: 7 PM, Fields

Movie: 9 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

Fried shrimp and scallops or vegetarian paella with mashed potatoes, green beans and mushrooms, garlic bread, and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 80's.

Tomorrow

Mostly cloudy; chance of PM showers. Highs near 80.

Sunday

Mostly cloudy. Highs in mid-70's.

Scholars Set Excellent Examples

On Wednesday evening in the dining hall, Director Jim Maddox announced the recipients of this summer's named scholarships and faculty chairs. Let us put our collective community hands together to applaud the accomplishments of the following Bread Loafers and celebrate the spirit of academic achievement which they represent:

Lillian Becker Scholarship: Jennifer Lighty
Reginald and Juanita Cook Scholarship: Larissa Vigue
Pauline Decker Scholarship: Melissa Walter
Beth Cubeta Scholarship: Shannon McCreery
Margaret Fielders Scholarship: Jan Kornbluth
Brent Goeres Scholarship: Nicole Johnson
Larry Holland Scholarship: Mary Juzwik
John M. Kirk, Jr. Scholarship: Marcella Pixley
Charlie Orr Scholarship: Aerie Treska
Challenger Award: German Urioste
Dulcie Scott Scholarship: Kurt Caswell
William Sempreora Scholarship: Kathleen Judge
Wylie and Lucy Sypher Scholarship: Will Cook
Ruth Walzer Scholarship: Susan Bisson
Frank and Eleanor Griffiths Chair: Jacques Lezra
Ruth and Lillian Marino Faculty Chair: John Wilders
Robert Frost Faculty Chair: Michael Wood

Forecasting Fun at the Frost Farm

Though the National Weather Service warns of a possibility of afternoon showers and thunderstorms tomorrow, the Bread Loaf community will continue to make plans for a dinner-time picnic at the Frost Farm. Innkeeper Ed Brown has also agreed to lead tours of Frost's cabin beginning at 5 pm for those interested in taking a look inside the poet's home. To get there, head west on Route 125 and walk up the dirt road on your right just before the Frost Wayside rest area. The first house you'll see (at the top of the hill) is the Homer Noble Farm, summer residence of Professor Paul Muldoon and his family. The Frost Cabin itself is hidden a ways further uphill from the farm and off to your left.

Those driving their own cars to the picnic should park at the Wayside and not drive up the dirt road (which has just been repaired after being washed out last week). The Van will make trips to and fro the Homer Noble Farm on a regular basis beginning at 5. You must have a meal ticket to eat at the picnic; these can and should be picked up at the Front Desk beforehand. Students off the meal plan will need to pay for these tickets; family members may attend but will also need tickets. Check the Front Desk for further information in the event of impending inclement weather.

Delving into Davison's Secrets

Davison's stellar staff will reprise their presentation of computerized research procedures and inter-library networking know-how this afternoon from 1:30 to 2 in the upstairs conference room. Anyone anticipating a need to retrieve articles on-line and/or borrow books from non-Bread Loaf holdings is encouraged to attend.

Spirits Visit Silver Screen

"Truly, Madly, Deeply" comes to our Mountaintop Moviehouse this evening. This haunting romance has gained nothing but enthusiastic "thumbs-ups" from Bread Loafers who have seen it before. Come see for yourself this evening at 9 in the Barn.

Dance DJ Spins Sonic Skyrockets

DJ Hugh "Crumb-awumba" Coyle promises tub-thumping and more at tomorrow night's Independence Day Barn Dance. With beats ranging from big band to def jams, be prepared to experience frenzy, sweat, and ecstasy between the hours of 9 and 1. Bring your own cups if you have 'em, along with ID if you look underage.

Sports Shorts

Fridays mean Frisbees here on the Bread Loaf campus, and tonight looks like it will be a fine evening for Ultimate. Gather together at 7 for pre-game warm-ups; Gary Montañó and his fellow flingers will get down to business on the fields around 7:30.

It should also be a glorious evening for volleyball. If you listen closely after dinner, you may even hear the rare "Volleyball!" call of Professors Huddle and Fleming. Check at the Front Desk to see if someone has already taken the ball out to the courts.

Bread Loafers are also reminded that softball will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2, followed by yet another Ultimate Frisbee game at 4. Anyone not still sore from dancing madly on Saturday night in the Barn is more than welcome to stretch those muscles again.

Mountain Mulls Over Maddoxlessness

Both Jim and Lucy Maddox will depart for Bread Loaf's sister site in New Mexico and thereby flee from flash flood warnings this coming Sunday. Robert Stepto will step up as Interim Director in Jim's absence. Students wishing to schedule appointment with Robert should check with Elaine in the Bread Loaf office for available times.

Literary Line-Up

This weekend's Blue Parlor Reading roster includes Bobby "Cash'n" Carey, Jan "Children of the" Kornbluth, Nancy "Story-teller" Jennings, and Ultimate President Gary "Climb Every" Montaño. Come hear these Bread Loafers read from their works on Sunday evening at 7:30 in the Blue Parlor; plan to arrive early for the most satisfying seating.

Post Presentation Processing

Carol MacVey writes: "Anyone who is still interested in participating in a 'Drama Process' workshop, please check the bulletin board across from the Bread Loaf office. Also, there is a new 'Drama Process' conference on BreadNet for those who have something to say or learn. Thanks."

Green Mountain Theater Festival

The Green Mountain Theater Festival (GMTF) concludes its presentation of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" this weekend at the Royal Tyler Theater in Burlington. Rumor has it that tickets are still available for \$15. Students who have already purchased tickets and arranged for transportation are reminded to meet in front of the Inn at 5 PM today. GMTF will also present "Amadeus" on July 10 and 11 with an ensemble from the Vermont Mozart Festival. For more information, call 802-656-2094.

Pack Back on Track

Robert Pack, one of Bread Loaf's most devoted professors and one of Vermont's most notable poets, will read from his work next Monday evening at 7:30 in the Barn. For many years, Pack was the Director of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. All are encouraged to attend his reading.

Non-Teachers Set Up Reception

Larissa Vigue has organized a reception for non-teaching students next Monday afternoon at 5 in the Blue Parlor. Larissa writes: "This is a gathering for that approximately 20% of us who do not teach for a living...a chance for us to meet one another, discuss our various responses to 'So, where do you teach?', and just generally share our experience of being in this program. Certainly, any current non-teacher who has been a teacher in the past or may be a teacher in the future should feel welcome to attend."

Sundry Submissions

Casey Riley writes: "I'm wondering if anyone is going to drive to New York City the weekend of July 10-12. I'll pay for gas and treats to gnaw on."

Karrie Waldron Brown reports that her water bottle, left outside the Apple Cellar, is missing. Please contact her if you've found it.

Identity Crises

John Bouton, Julia Carlson-Federhofer, and Nancy Olson correctly identified Audre Lorde as the author of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, along with someone who failed to correctly identify himself or herself on their submitted guess. John himself was incorrectly identified as "John Barton" yesterday in the Winners' Circle. Obviously, we all need a break from this identification

business, so the Quote-of-the-Day™ will take a break for the weekend and return on Monday with yet another mystery excerpt.

The author of today's quote, Hungarian poet Ágnes Nemes Nagy, once also wrote: "I might say that I hold poetry to be one of the great roads to human cognition, of recognition through the emotions, that I consider our poetic campaigns into the land of the Nameless crucially important, a factor in the spiritual survival of twentieth-century man."

Top Ten Entries Flood Judges

Our panel of Top Ten List judges was delighted by the deluge of responses to this week's competition. After careful consideration, they selected the following responses for inclusion in today's list:

Top Ten (But Who's Counting?) Signs We've Had Too Much Rain at Bread Loaf

22. Kansas now negotiating with Vermont instead of Colorado for water rights. (SW)
21. Beavers now trying to dam Route 125. (ST)
20. White Whales replace moose as wildlife du jour. (PPKL)
19. New work study positions available in Culvert Repair and Maintenance. (RH)
18. Salad bar now called "Captain Frenchy's Oyster Raw Bar." (ST)
17. Faculty kids build a Slip-n-Slide down Route 125. (MAX)
16. Burgess Meredith Theater becomes the Penguin Memorial Natatorium. (PPKL)
15. Bread Loaf now offering M. Litt. in Marine Biology. (NJ)
14. "Bread Loaf Cream" color replaced with "Mildew Green." (ST)
13. Wildlife seen marching two-by-two toward the Barn. (IS)
12. The Madrigals are now known as the Mudrigulls. (PPKL)
11. Sharks now a greater nuisance than blackflies. (NJ)
10. Students must now wait for ferry to cross Johnson's Pond. (ST)
9. Men aren't the only ones wearing rubbers on campus. (MAX, PPKL)
8. "Cadden Car Wash" opens for business on road to Burdick. (RH)
7. Grounds crew and kitchen staff collaborate on Tamarack Rice Paddies. (RH, MAX)
6. "Mal de Mer" replaces sunburn as most common ailment on campus. (ST)
5. Johnson Pond officially named sixth Great Lake. (PPKL)
4. Previously "indefatigable" Dixie Goswami now known as "un-sinkable" Dixie Goswami. (ST)
3. Mud wrestling replaces ultimate frisbee as sport of choice. (KCT)
2. You begin considering Bread Loaf Oxford because of the notoriously dry English weather. (JF)
1. Bread Loaf Inn renamed "The Yellow Submarine." (IS)

Key: Abbreviation=Name (# of chosen responses to date)

ST=Susan Terrano (6); PPKL=Karen Loutzenheiser and Prudence Plunkett (5); MAX=Men of AnneX (3); IS=The Insights (2); NJ=Nancy Jennings (2); RH=Ray Harrison (2); KCT=KC Thornton (1); JF=Jonathan Freeman (1); SW=Sharilyn West (1)

Next week's topic (an encore presentation): Top Ten Rejected Course Titles for the Bread Loaf 1998 Catalog. Your clever and witty responses are due at the *Crumb* copy desk by dinner next Thursday.



The Crumb

Your Weekday Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Today's Tidbits

"I do not know which to prefer,
The beauty of inflections
Or the beauty of innuendoes,
The blackbird whistling
Or just after."
—?

Today's Events:

Madrigal Rehearsal:
5 PM, Barn

Pack Reading: 7:30
PM, Barn
So
ayboy" Video: 8:45
PM, Barn 4

Dinner Menu

Baked ham or vegetarian manicotti, scalloped potatoes, sautéed vegetables, asparagus, dessert du jour.

Weather Watch

Today

Cool, becoming cloudy. Highs in the mid-70's.

Tomorrow

Mostly cloudy; chance of PM showers. Highs in mid-70's.

Wednesday

Showers likely. Highs in mid-70's.

Robert Rules at Reading

Bread Loaf Professor and notable poet Robert Pack will read from his work this evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Pack's collection *Fathering the Map: New and Selected Later Poems* is available in the bookstore along with *Minding the Sun* and *The Long View: Essays on the Discipline of Hope and Poetic Craft*. Bob holds the current record for the number of summers teaching on the Mountain; he was also previously Director of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and the Donald Axinn Professor of Literature at Middlebury College. All are encouraged to attend tonight's presentation.

Non-Teachers Seek to Meet

Non-teaching students are invited to meet this afternoon at 5 for a reception in the Blue Parlor. Larissa Vigue, who organized the event, hopes that students will be able to share their experiences and concerns about being non-teachers at Bread Loaf, and perhaps offer some suggestions as to how the School might better meet the needs of this group, which currently comprises twenty percent of the student body. Come and let your voice be heard, or come just to mingle. Refreshments will be provided.

Blair Finds Bliss in Bloomsbury

Sara Blair will present "My Address is Bloomsbury WC1": Revisiting Place in the Literary World" as part of the summer Faculty Reading Series tomorrow evening at 7:30 in Barn 1. This series offers the community a chance to witness Bread Loaf's professors "in action" as they share and discuss their recent scholarly work. Sara's talk also promises to add to the discussion of "place" begun in last week's Drew Lecture. All are welcome to attend.

Site Serves Excitable Educators

Computer Center Supervisor Caroline Eisner will demonstrate EDSITEMent, a National Endowment for the Humanities website, tomorrow afternoon at 5 in the Davison seminar room (second floor). EDSITEMent offers the best of the humanities on the Web by providing direct access to some of the most valuable on-line resources for teaching history, social studies, English, foreign languages, and art history. EDSITEMent also provides on-line lesson plans and take-home activities. Best of all, it's completely free and available to anyone with a computer and Web-browsing capabilities. Technogeeks and cyberneophytes alike are invited to the presentation; see Caroline for more details.

Cinematic Obsessions

Though plans for the Bread Loaf Mountain Movie Multiplex are still in their infancy, videotape and laserdisc facilities in Barn 4 will be available between the hours of 5 and 11 for students with class-related viewing needs. There will be a first-come first-served sign-up sheet on the door for the use of the machines. If the equipment has more users than it can handle, Jim Maddox and Robert Stepto will seek to make more equipment available.

This evening following the Robert Pack reading (approximate time 8:45), Michael Cadden will be showing Synge's "Playboy of the Western World" in Barn 4. Tomorrow evening following the Sara Blair presentation, Michael Wood will show the director's cut of "Blade Runner" in Barn 5. Though both of these screenings are for classes, the two Michaels invite other interested Bread Loafers to come watch the films on a space-available basis.

Pixley's Poetry Pick-Up Team

Marcella Pixley invites any and all interested poets to gather for an informal group meeting this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Barn. If you'd like, bring some copies of your recent work to share (at least six copies of each poem). The group hopes to meet every Monday throughout the summer. Talk to Marcella for more details.

Mmmmmmassaaaahhhhge

Once again this summer, Pat Schmitter will bring her magic touch to the Mountain and offer professional massage this Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Fees and a sign-up sheet are posted on the door at Cornwall. This is a great chance to realize the three R's of Bread Loaf: reading, writing, and relaxation.

Panel to Ponder "On Common Ground"

Bread Loafers will have a chance to attend a sneak preview (of sorts) of next week's reading of "Common Ground." Those involved with the theatrical adaptation of the book will discuss the project in a panel presentation this Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Barn A. All are invited to attend and participate.

Blalock Beantown-Bound

Dawn Blalock writes: "Is anyone going to Boston mid-day on Friday, July 10? I'm looking for a lift and will gladly provide gas, goodies, and pleasant conversation in exchange. Thanks."

Press Puts Literature on its Feet

Acting Ensemble member Barry Press will lead a workshop in taking literature from the page to the stage, without altering the text in any significant way. Barry writes: "We will focus on the short story form. The goal is to convey the experience of the story by using very simple staging, movement, sound, a few props, a suggestion of costume, and whatever furniture exists in the performance space; it may be a replication of the story or an abstraction of it." If interested, sign up on the sheet outside the Bread Loaf office, to the left of the map. The workshop will take place this coming Sunday afternoon from 3-5:30 in Barn A.

Desk and Tele-Etiquette

In order to speed the processing of phone calls, students should post a list of names and room numbers next to the phones in their dormitories. The switchboard staff also reminds everyone to keep calls as short as possible; Larch has been particularly problematic in this respect, resulting in a large number of unconnectable incoming callers. Please be considerate and use the pay phones around campus for your longer calls so that others on your floor can make and receive their calls as well.

The Front Desk staff also reminds Bread Loafers that although the switchboard is open until 11 PM each night, the desk itself is technically only open until 8. Please refrain from knocking on the closed window unless it's an emergency.

Mealtime Amenities

Some dining reminders from the kitchen crew and waitstaff: When you're finished with your meal, scram, scoot, away with you, be gone! Reports of rampant lingering continue to frustrate our fine waitstaff. Please be aware that waiters have lives as well, and that they often need to get off to class or meetings quickly after the meal. Also, Bread Loafers should not go into the kitchen either before or during a meal without prior approval from the HeadWaiters. It's often quite chaotic inside, and wandering souls tend to effect accidents. The cooks in the kitchen welcome compliments, concerns, questions, and other community input, but please wait for a more appropriate time to approach them.

Waterlogged Joggers Boggled

Many Bread Loaf runners have already discovered that the Robert Frost Interpretative Trail has been closed due to erosion and flood damage. Forest trails continue to be either exceedingly swampy or overgrown with grass, weeds, nettles, and other pain-inflicting plants. As the wet weather continues (forecasters are calling for more toward the end of the week and on into the weekend at this point), please be especially careful running on the roads. Stay to the left facing oncoming traffic, and run in single file when cars are approaching. Be mindful of wash-outs on the road shoulders. Check with the Front Desk for alternative route suggestions if your favorite loop is still too soupy to do.

Weekend Features

Bread Loafers will be treated to a double bill in the Barn on Friday night as the first Coffeehouse of the summer takes the stage immediately preceding the feature film. Any performers still interested in reserving a spot in the open-mike line-up should contact Nancy Jennings or Christa Bruce right away. The movie this week has been changed from "The Red Shoes" (which was shown in a recent summer) to "Clueless": check future *Crumbs* for confirmation and further details.

On Saturday night, Francis Cram will return to the Barn with his country band and caller Tom Bahre for an encore Square Dance. The swinging and reeling will run from 9 to midnight; quenching refreshments will (as always) be served.

So Many Ways to Win

Katherine Morey writes: "Thanks for giving me as much credit as you could for my recognition of the Audre Lorde Quote-of-the-Day™. Apparently I was so 'awed' that I finally knew one, I forgot to sign my name!" Katherine gets another chance with today's quote, as do you; it's taken from a rather well-known work, however you decide to look at it. Answers are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow morning. Need another clue? Think Grommit.



The Crumb

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Tuesday, July 7, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"Watching Monte ride off through the long grains, I thought about the way we invent ourselves through our stories, and in a similar way, how the stories we tell put walls around our lives. And I think that may be true about cowboys. That there really isn't much truth in my saying cowboys are my weakness; maybe, after all this time, it's just something I've learned how to say."

— ?

Today's Events:

Soccer: 4:30 PM, Field

Blair Lecture: 7:30 PM, Barn 1

"Blade Runner" video: 8:45 PM, Barn 5

Dinner Menu

Roast leg of lamb with Greek sauce or spanikopita, au gratin potatoes, vegetable sauté (zucchini, leek, and summer squash), dessert du jour.

Weather Watch

Today

Showers likely later. Highs in the mid-70's.

Tomorrow

Continuing showers. Highs in low 70's.

Thursday

Clearing likely. Highs 70-80.

Address Addresses Addresses

Bread Loaf Professor Sara Blair will present "My Address is Bloomsbury WC1": Revisiting Place in the Literary World" this evening at 7:30 in Barn 1 as part of the summer's continuing faculty reading series. During the regular academic year, Blair is Associate Professor of English and American Literature at the University of Virginia. Tonight's talk will address some of her recent academic ideas and concerns, and quite possibly expand on perceptions of place previously offered by Larry Buell in the Drew lecture last week. All are encouraged to attend her address and engage in a subsequent discussion of the work.

Web Site Offers Wealth of Resources

This afternoon at 5 in the Davison Library conference room (upstairs), Caroline Eisner will demonstrate EDSITEment, a web site sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The site offers teachers and researchers direct links and access to significant resources in the fields of history, social studies, literature, languages, and the arts. EDSITEment also contains suggestions for lesson plans and other student activities, both class- and home-based. Caroline will show you how to get there and get involved instantly with your Web-ready computer at home or school.

The Early Bird Gets to Squirm

Those wishing to twist into fitful positions shortly after rising are welcome to meet for morning Yoga tomorrow at 6:45 AM in Barn 2. For more information, check with Dawn Blalock in Larch 5.

"On Common Ground" Project Offers Uncommon Opportunity

Next week, members of Bread Loaf's Acting Ensemble will join forces with visiting artists to present a reading of *Common Ground*, a theatrical adaptation of Anthony Luce's award-winning work about bussing and racism in Boston. Tomorrow evening, playwright Kevin Heelin will join with director Bob Egan and dramaturg Oskar Eustis to discuss the process of transforming the non-fiction book into a play. The panel will also address issues raised by the book, and how effectively they translate to the stage. All are welcome to join in this discussion, which offers our community a rare chance to see the creative process in action. The presentation will take place at 7:30 in the Barn.

Students Screen SciFi Cinema

As part of the course on "Literature, Film, and Philosophy," Michael Wood will show Ridley Scott's science fiction classic "Blade Runner" (starring Harrison Ford) this evening in Barn 5. The special "director's cut" video will begin shortly after Sara Blair's lecture (approximately 8:45); anyone interested is invited to attend on a space-available basis.

Schmitter's Touch Ends Tension

Local massage artist Pat Schmitter will work her therapeutic wonders this afternoon and again on Thursday afternoon by appointment at the Cornwall infirmary. Costs for half- and full-hour sessions are posted on the door at Cornwall for those interested, along with a sign-up sheet.

Waiver Craver

Diane Baroz in the Bread Loaf Office reminds first-year students that she's still waiting for waiver forms from those who have yet to return them. The blue sheets were sent out earlier in the session; if you've lost yours, please stop by to get a new one. Be forewarned that you must sign these sheets in order to request formal letters of recommendation from the School; these contain comments from faculty members who sometimes prefer to know whether or not they are writing in confidence.

Hugh Stunned by Numbers

Crumb Editor Hugh Coyle was amazed by the mass of guesses correctly identifying Wallace Stevens as the author of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™. While it's still rather early in the summer for anyone to take a definitive lead in the competition, several names appear to be repeating rather regularly in the Winners' Circle.

Yesterday's savants included Steve Duffy, Janet and Michael Atkins, Jonathan Freeman (not Professor Freeman, the other Jonathan), Liz Bedell, Peter Newton, Jonathan Cannon, Marlys Edwards, Melissa Walter, Casey Riley, Samantha Dunaway, and Carolyn Coleman.

Today's quote is a bit more contemporary; if you're still stumped, consider a visit to the Lone Star state.

St. Stephen's Peasant Market

An Annual Sale

This Saturday at 9 AM

On the Green in Middlebury

Books, Antiques, Clothes, Odds'n'Ends



The Crumb

Your Weekday Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

Volume 79, Number 12

Wednesday, July 8, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"A man of genius makes no mistakes. His errors are volitional and are the portals of discovery."

— ?

Today's Events:

Yoga: Daily, 6:45 AM, Barn 2

Christian Fellowship: 7:00 PM, Barn East

Ultimate Frisbee: 7:00 PM, Fields.

Common Ground: 7:30 PM, Barn A

Dinner Menu

Chicken Cordon Bleu or zucchini, artichoke, and basil fritata; brown and wild rice, sweet and sour Brussels sprouts, and ice cream for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Rain likely. Possibility of thunderstorms and heavy downpours. Highs in the mid-70's.

Tomorrow

Clearing, partly sunny. Highs in low 70's.

Friday

Fair and dry. Highs 70-80.

Panel Ponders

"Common Ground" Project

The first theater event of the summer will be an adaptation of *Common Ground*, Anthony Lucas's award-winning book about busing in Boston. Playwright Kevin Heelin and director Bob Egan, Associate Artistic Director of the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles, are now on campus preparing to rehearse a cast of 17 actors for a reading of the play.

Common Ground deals with the complex and often explosive issues that emerged when the Boston School District began busing students to achieve school integration. Tonight at 7:30 in Barn A, there will be a discussion with the playwright, the director, and dramaturg Oskar Eustis. They will discuss the issues that underlie the work and also deal with the process of adapting an enormous work of non-fiction for the stage. There will be plenty of time for questions and comments from the community. Everyone is encouraged to come meet our visiting artists and participate in this exciting project. All subsequent rehearsals will be open; the reading itself will be held next Wednesday.

Christians Converge

The Christian fellowship group will meet this evening at 7 pm in Barn East. For more information, contact Pearl Chin.

Visiting Educational Director Reflects on Covello

Bread Loaf extends a warm welcome to Vito Perrone, Director of Teacher Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Director of the Annenberg Rural Challenge Research and Evaluation Program, who will be on campus today through Friday. Tomorrow evening at 7:30 in Barn 1, Perrone will present a talk entitled "Personal Reflections of Leonard Covello: Teacher With a Heart." All are invited.

Smitten with Schmitter

Due to popular demand, Pat Schmitter, the Mountain's Masseuse, will continue to be available throughout the summer on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to dinnertime at the Cornwall infirmary. You can also arrange appointments for morning hours in Middlebury at Le Salon de Vie by calling 388-6113. Pat's rates are \$50 per hour (half-hour appointments are sometimes available); sign up for times on the Cornwall door.

Carney-Sandoe Seeks Teachers

A representative from the Carney-Sandoe teacher placement agency in Boston will be on campus next Thursday, July 16, to meet with Bread Loafers looking for school-based employment. Sign-ups for appointments are on a first-come, first-served basis; check the sheet outside the Bread Loaf office for available openings. For more information, talk to Elaine in the office.

Health and Well-Being Briefs

Weather pending, the Ultimate Frisbee fanatics will flock to the fields this evening at 7. Yoga devotees will be glad to know that a group meets daily at 6:45 AM in Barn 2. No experience is necessary.

Readers Rejoice

The 20th century was kind to our Quote-of-the-Day™ contestants, and so today's quote also comes from the modern era. Those who guessed Pam Houston as the author of yesterday's tidbit from "Cowboys Are My Weakness" are: Jonathan Cannon, John Mancuso, Aerie Treska, Diane Christian, Lewis Goff, Robbie Harold, Sara Whalen, Peter Newton, Helen Hughes, Tish McGonegal, Steve Duffy, Shannon McCreery, Liz Bedell, Jean Hanff Korelitz, Ed Brown, and Jon Freeman. Nancy Olson also gets overdue credit for an assist with a correct guess earlier in the week. Remember: guesses are due by breakfast tomorrow in writing via either the Front Desk or BreadNet. Are you-listening?

Top Ten Entries Pending

Don't forget to finish up that list of Top Ten Rejected Course Titles from the 1998 Bread Loaf Catalog for this week's Top Ten competition. Entries are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by dinner tomorrow for judging and possible inclusion in Friday's list.

On the Flip Side...

Yesterday, some readers were taken a bit aback by the lack of a back page, when in fact, Tuesday's back page did contain some very entertaining material, as does today's. What the *Crumb* Editor neglected to mention, however, was that the second side is printed in a special ink, and requires a heat source (say, the lamps at the salad bar or on the posts in the dining hall) to render legible the invisible ink. Try it out with today's edition and find yourself treated to a little lesson on alliteration in "literary" limericks as well as an in-depth analysis of the susceptibility of students in isolated circumstances to the powers of suggestion.



The Crumb

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Thursday, July 9, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"I was trying to write then and I found the greatest difficulty, aside from knowing truly what you really felt, rather than what you were supposed to feel, had been taught to feel, was to put down what really happened in action; what the actual things were which produced the emotion that you experienced...the real thing, the sequence of motion and fact which made the emotion and which would be as valid in a year or in ten years or, with luck and if you stated it purely enough, always."

— ?

Today's Events:

Yoga: Daily, 6:45 AM, Barn 2

Speaker: 4:30 PM, Field
Vito Perrone Talk:
7:30 PM, Barn 1
"The General" (starring Buster Keaton)
Video: 8:45 PM, Barn 5

Dinner Menu

Seared tuna steaks or vegetarian stuffed peppers; rice, broccoli and carrots, french bread, and the dessert du jour.

Weather Watch

Today

Partial clearing; scattered showers. Highs in the mid-70's.

Tomorrow

Breezy mix of sun and clouds. Mid-70's.

Weekend

Mostly clear and dry. Highs 70-80.

Perrone on Covello

Vito Perrone, Director of Teacher Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Director of the Annenberg Rural Challenge Research and Evaluation Program, will present "Personal Reflections of Leonard Covello: Teacher With a Heart" this evening at 7:30 in Barn 1. All are invited to attend his talk.

Spatial Relations

Our campus is a relatively small place when it comes to classroom availability, particularly as we head into a period of high demand for rehearsal areas, lecture locales, presentation practice space, video viewing venues, and night-time nooky nooks. While we all crave a clean, well-lighted (and dry) place to do our work, please remember that Barn classrooms and video rooms operate on a first-come, first-served system of scheduled reservations. Students, staff, and faculty should sign up for space accordingly on the sheets posted for that purpose outside Barn 4 (for video) or the Bread Loaf office (for other space), and respect the rights of those who have done so beforehand. Any additional audiovisual needs should be directed to the Assistants to the Director (Ralph or Shue) for follow-up.

Percolating Entertainment

Come and see the Mountain debut of Bread Loaf's chanteuses, raconteurs, terpsichoreans, and ocarina impresari at tomorrow's Coffeehouse. Your hosts Nancy Jennings and Christa Bruce promise an enlivened evening line-up of entertainers beginning at 7:30; check with them ASAP if you'd like to share your own talents at this or upcoming shows. The program should last about an hour or so; the Friday feature film will follow.

Rave Review from "Clueless" Hugh

Tomorrow night's feature film presentation in the Barn will be "Clueless," a loose (very loose) adaptation of Jane Austen's novel *Emma* set in modern-day Beverly Hills. Featuring superstar Alicia Silverstone, the film holds both dramatic and comedic appeal for Betties, Barnies, and Baldwins alike. Warning: Valleyspeak subtitles will not be available in this widescreen version, but don't go postal; a large number of Loafers have already seen the film and can translate for the rest of us. *Crumb* Critic Coyle gives the film an "elbow up" in addition to the two thumbs already raised by those less-respected reviewers Siskel and Ebert. Come enjoy the fun beginning at 9.

Holy Wood Swears by Squares

In one of his more pious and preacherly moments, Bread Loaf Professor Michael Wood has borne witness to the sanctifying after-effects of charismatic apoplexy, particularly as evidenced at the Mountain's first Square Dance. In rapturous response, Director Jim Maddox has decreed a second such event, and invites the enlightened to make the pilgrimage to the Barn again this Saturday. From nine until midnight in that sacred space, Francis Cram and his band will work the crowd into frenzied ecstasy, with caller Tom Bahre on hand to distinguish between genuflection and the allemande left.

Borrowed Books Backing Up

Bread Loafers who have ordered books from Starr Library are reminded that they are normally available for pick-up a day or two after they've been requested. No slips are being sent to boxes this summer to tell of a books' arrival; stop by the library desk and ask where those being held are shelved. The backlog of books is building up, so check in soon if you've sent in a request.

Curmudgeons Critique *Crumb*

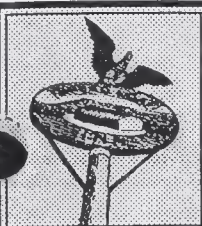
Our recent spate of one-page *Crumbs* has some Loafers mumbling "What's up with that?" Perhaps the rather dismal weather has dampened our spirits somewhat, leading to less lively itineraries here on the Mountain. Maybe the usual complaints about door slamming, car parking, cigarette smoking, lunchtime lingering, dinnertime dallying, and telephone tie-upping pale in comparison to the depressing paucity of light on campus this summer. Here's hoping that the upcoming drier weather inspires a return to our feistier selves and fills our lives once more with zing, zip, and zest.

Treska Earns Second Mention

HeadWaiter Aerie Treska correctly identified James Joyce as the author of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, thus securing a second consecutive mention in the *Crumb*. Joining her were: Stephen Duffy, John Bouton, Anne Hutchison, Edward Brown, and Melissa Walter, whose response of "some utterly pretentious and arrogant modernist" was deemed close enough by the judges to count. Don't think too long on today's quote, lest you risk being brain-dead in the afternoon.

Time's Up for Top Ten Penners

It's time to say "pens down" to those writing entries for this week's Top Ten Rejected Course Titles list. Submissions are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by suppertime.



The Crumb

Your Weekday Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Friday, July 10, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"We live in a world of motion and distance. The heart flies from tree to bird, from bird to distant star, from star to love, and love grows in the quiet house, turning and working, servant of thought, a lamp held in one hand."

— Philippe Jaccottet

Today's Events:

Yoga: Daily, 6:45 AM, Barn 2

Frisbee: 7 PM, Field

Coffeehouse: 7:30 PM, Barn

"Clueless": 9 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

Lemon Pepper Catfish or Baked Ziti; roasted red potatoes, cole slaw, hush puppies, peas and pearl onions, parkerhouse rolls, banana cream pie for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Variable clouds; chance of a shower. Highs in the mid-70's.

Weekend

Some clouds, then mostly clear into next week. Highs 75-85.

Talent Measured by Coffee Spoons

Nancy Jennings and Christa Bruce present the first Bread Loaf coffeehouse of the summer this evening in the Barn. Come and experience the wide range of talent present here on the Mountain in this cozy and casual setting. The show begins at 7:30 and lasts about an hour and a half. Guess the literary allusion in the headline and win free tickets to the next coffeehouse!

Students View "Clueless"

Tonight's cinematic experience in the Barn will be "Clueless," which is, like, you know, a totally beyond film about this girl Cher and, like, her boyfriends and family and cell phones and things. The movie replaces "The Red Shoes," which was previously scheduled for this time slot. A wickedly funny and insightful send-up of modern teen life, "Clueless" will begin at 9. Please remember to turn off your beepers before entering the Barn so that others won't be bothered during the feature.

Crime on Campus

Andrea Lunsford reports a theft from her room of all her most precious jewelry. She writes: "I would give a lot to get these family pieces back—no questions asked—so please help me." Crime is uncommon here on the Mountain, but when it does occur, it unsettles all of us. If you see or hear anything about Andrea's missing jewelry (it was in a white case, which was also taken), or if you see any additional suspicious activity on campus, please report it to the Front Desk immediately. In the meantime, our collective sympathy goes out to Andrea, as well as our hopes that the items will be recovered.

Cram-Jam

Francis Cram and his country band will be on hand on our campus for the summer's second square dance tomorrow evening. Caller Tom Bahre will also return with dances both old and new. Fine refreshments will be served. Come on over and swing that thing starting at 9 in the Barn.

Literary Parlor Tricks

Once again this Sunday evening, the Blue Parlor Reading Series offers Bread Loafers a chance to hear fiction, poetry, and non-fiction writing by members of our literary community. Featured this weekend are Jonathan Cannon, Sam Winslow, Maria Winfield, and Sherilyn West. The reading begins at 7:30 and lasts about an hour. It's the perfect post-dinner experience before heading back to the books. Come early for most comfortable seating; refreshments will be provided.



Photos Posted for Perusal, Purchase

Staff photographer Ed Brown reports that prints of the school pictures are now on display around the Front Desk window. Bread Loafers may order 8x10 copies of the shots for \$10 apiece up until July 15, with delivery by the end of the session. Orders taken after that date will be \$12 apiece, with final prints mailed to students after the session. Offered options include the All-School Shot, Seniors, Waiters, Faculty, Staff, BLRTN teachers, and DeWitt Wallace teachers. Limited prints from the "Men of Annex Swimsuit Shoot" are also available; check with Ed for a discreet and private viewing time.

Sports Shorts

Don't forget about Ultimate Frisbee this evening at 7, and again on Sunday afternoon at 4. With drier weather on the horizon, there may finally be a non-soggy softball game on Sunday afternoon at 2; bases, ball, bats and gloves can be picked up on the Treman porch.

Literature Lifted from Page to Stage

Actor Barry Press will present a workshop on taking literature from the page to the stage this coming Sunday from 3-5:30 in Barn A. Those who haven't already signed up should do so by this evening on the sheet outside the Bread Loaf office (to the left of the big map). The workshop will demonstrate how to translate a piece of literature (in this case, the short story) into a simple piece of theater in order to elicit and further understand its ideas, themes, characters, and plotlines. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Lost and Profound

Frank Betkowski writes: "Lost: a copy of Wittgenstein's *On Certainty* (no name in it, naturally). If found, please return to me or the Front Desk." Kudos to Frank for the headline as well, with his suggested alternative being "Uncertainty About *On Certainty*."

Weilophile Meets Brecht Addict

On Monday evening at 7:30 in the Barn, Jacques Lezra and re-visiting music-master Mark Wright will present a discussion on "The Music of Kurt Weill," who worked with Bertolt Brecht on *The Threepenny Opera*. Jacques writes by way of clarification:

"This is just to say

that I will not be playing the piano on Monday
nor will I sing.

Dancing too I will not do, tap or other.

I won't paint, declaim, or chant.

Rather, to Mark Wright's magic performing and explaining
of Weill's music I'll add my own comments about Brecht's
text(s).

That's all there is; there isn't any more."

Walter Alters Madrigal Practice

Melissa Walter reports that the Madrigalists have altered their rehearsal schedule. The musical group will now meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:45-5:30 in the Barn. Check with her if you have any problems or concerns, or if you're still thinking of adding your voice to the mix but have so far been afraid to come forward.

Helping Hand with Hebrew

Katy Fleming writes: "Is there anyone who knows Hebrew (modern or Biblical) and is willing to spend some time on an occasional basis helping someone with the linguistic skills of an Israeli 18-month old? If so, please contact me at Dragon's Den (388-6248). I can also often be found at the salad bar,"

Sitters Sought a Second Time

Jacques Lezra and Susanne Wofford write: "We are looking for babysitting assistance on two occasions: July 15, from 7:45 to 11:30 p.m. for the reading of *Common Ground*, and Monday, July 27, from 7:15 to 9:30 for Paul Muldoon's poetry reading. If there is anyone not planning or able to attend these events who would be willing to help out with some babysitting, please let us know. The children are Gabriel, aged 9 1/2, and Nat, aged 6 1/2. We live very close to campus and can provide transportation to and from Burdick, our house, as well as great remuneration!!"

Remembering Hemingway

Only a few people identified an uncharacteristically prolix Ernest Hemingway as the writer of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, a passage taken from "Death in the Afternoon." In the Winners' Circle were Trey Martin, Scott Purdy, Robbie Harold, Roberta Mailer, and Edward Brown. No clues today as we take a weekend break from the competition.

Fair Skies for Fairs

With fair weather predicted at last for the weekend, two local outdoor events are worth noting. The first is the annual Standard Register flea market (on Route 7 just north of East

Middlebury), which features all kinds of items for sale, in addition to amazing deals on the company's many paper products.

The second event is the St. Stephen's Peasant Market on the green in Middlebury, where one can find an assortment of clothes, books, crafts, and antiques. A silent auction also takes place throughout the day. This marks the first event of Middlebury's annual Festival on the Green, which provides a variety of entertainment throughout the upcoming week. The first featured performers will be the Burlington Taiko Drummers on Sunday at 4; known for their booming sound and ritualistic choreography, the group is sure to amaze. Schedules of other performances are available at the Front Desk and include musicians Jon Gailmor, Greg Greenway, Lisa McCormick, the Dick Forman Jazz Group, and the New Nile Orchestra.

Improper Top Ten

Here they are, the winners for this week's Top Ten list:

Top Ten (or so) Rejected Course Titles for the Bread Loaf Course Catalog

12. El Niño and Other Latin American Authors (MOA)
11. From Page to Stage: Clinton's Rise to the Presidency, taught by Monica Lewinsky (ST+)
10. How to Pick Up Adolescent Chicks and Influence Babes: A Study of the Doctrine of Joseph Battell (KCT)
9. Shakespeare Shmakespeare (MOA)
8. "Titanic:" Cameron and the Idea of Epic (ST+)
7. "Go to Hell!": Paradise Lost and the Inferno as Travel Brochures (IS,QQ)
6. The Sense of Legumes: Limas, Pintos, and Garbanzos, taught by Wolfgang Puck (ST+)
5. Geriatric Punctuation: No Colons, No Periods (QQ)
4. Naive American Literature (ST+)
3. Loitering 505: How to Piss Off the Waitstaff (KCT)
2. The Road Not Taken: A Comprehensive Analysis of the Path From Gilmore to the Library (MOA)
1. Cunning Linguists: Punning for Pleasure in Shakespeare and Chaucer (IS)

Key: Abbreviation=Name (# of chosen responses to date)

ST=Susan Terrano and the Theater Staff (+=Ed Brown)

(10); QQ=Quick Quip Mistresses=Karen Loutzenheiser, Annette Hardin, and Prudence Plunkett (7); MOA=Men Of Annex (6); IS=The Insights (4); NJ=Nancy Jennings (2); RH=Ray Harrison (2); KCT=KC Thornton (3); JF=Jonathan Freeman (1); SW=Sharilyn West (1)

Next week's topic (another encore): Top Ten Titles for Bread Loaf: The Movie (or, as an alternative, Bread Loaf: The Musical). Your comical and topical responses are due to the *Crumb* by dinner next Wednesday for the list's debut on Thursday.



The Crumb

Your Weekday Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Monday, July 13, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"Words were medicine; they were magic and invisible. They came from nothing into sound and meaning. They were beyond price; they could neither be bought nor sold."

— ?

Today's Events:

Yoga: Daily, 6:45 AM, Barn 2

Kurt Weill Presentation: 7 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

Grilled chicken breasts or navy bean and artichoke au gratin; mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, parkerhouse rolls, and sponge cake with blueberries for dessert.

Weather Watch

This Week

Mostly sunny and warm throughout the week; becoming increasingly hot and humid with temps climbing into the 90's by Friday.

Songwriting, Weill-Style

Professor Jacques Lezra will be joined by visiting musician Mark Wright for a presentation on the songs of Kurt Weill this evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Lezra will speak mostly to the textual interaction of Weill's music with plays by Bertolt Brecht (such as this summer's production, *The Threepenny Opera*); Wright will demonstrate on the piano and focus primarily on the musical elements of Weill's craft. All are invited to attend what promises to be an enlightening and entertaining evening.

Kumin Comin'

Nationally recognized and award-winning poet Maxine Kumin will be on campus for a special visit and reading tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Barn. She has authored a number of books, including a recently published volume of collected works. All are invited to attend this special event.

Orion Fellows Contemplate Nature

Tomorrow afternoon from 5-6 in Barn 2, Bread Loaf's Orion fellows will offer a presentation on the Orion Society and the "Stories in the Land" fellowship. Kurt Caswell, Ray Harrison, Mary Juzwik, and Dexter Mahaffey will gear the presentation toward people who want to apply for future fellowships of \$1,000 to teach nature literature and nature writing in their classrooms. They will provide applications, samples of *Orion* magazine and *Orion Afield* magazine, and information about a new book entitled *Stories in the Land*, a resource for new fellowship recipients modeling past Orion projects.

Senior Citizenry

Bread Loaf's 1998 Senior Class is asked to gather tomorrow afternoon at 5 in the Blue Parlor to discuss commencement get-togethers and class gifts as well as other mutiny-related issues. Also, any senior who plans to be absent at this summer's Commencement ceremony should notify Elaine Lathrop in the Bread Loaf office immediately (no later than this Wednesday).

Pictures Pinned Up for Purchase

Photophile Ed Brown reminds Bread Loafers that the school pictures are now on exhibit around the Front Desk window and may be ordered for \$10 per 8" x 10" color print up until July 15. Copies will be delivered by the end of the session. Photos ordered after July 15 will be priced at \$12 apiece, with delivery via the mail after the session.

Media Michaels Merit a Multiplex

Michael Wood and Michael Cadden will transform the Barn classrooms into the Bread Loaf Multiplex as they welcome Bread Loafers to join their classes for evening video viewing throughout the session. This week, Michael Wood will be showing Kurosawa's interpretation of *Macbeth*, "Throne of Blood," tomorrow evening at 8:30 (or after the Kumin reading) and Antonioni's "Blow-Up" on Thursday. Both showings will take place in Classroom/Theater 5. Meanwhile, on screen number 4, Michael Cadden will show "Angels in America: On Broadway" tomorrow evening from 9-10, and "Samuel Beckett: Silence to Silence" this coming Sunday from 8:30-10 PM.

Madrigalists Moved from Monday

Melissa Walter reminds the Madrigalists that the rehearsal schedule has been altered for the rest of the summer. The group no longer meets on Monday; they now gather for practice on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:45-5:30 in the Barn.

Tennis Whites and Sports Shorts

With the Mountain's clay tennis courts freshly weeded, tilled, resurfaced, and ruled, the playing surfaces look a little more like Wimbledon and a lot less like the Okefenokee. Accordingly, KC Thornton announces that sign-ups for this summer's Wimbleloaf tournament have now begun. Men's and women's singles competitors should sign up at the Front Desk by Wednesday; draw will be posted by Thursday dinner. The first match should be completed by next Wednesday, July 22.

Look for news about additional sports events at Bread Loaf, including the annual Charlie Orr Memorial Fun Run (tentatively scheduled for July 25) and two new events, a Mountain-tailored triathlon and a backcountry half-marathon.

Vehicular Sense and Sensibility

Bread Loafers are reminded to utilize both common sense and aesthetic sensibilities when parking on campus. Do not block driveways or fire lanes, and remember that state law prohibits overnight parking along Route 125. While it is often necessary to park on the grass near the Barn lot, please refrain from parking on grassy areas elsewhere, particularly after the recent reign of rain. Be forewarned that cars parked in "no parking" areas may well be towed, dragged, or disrespectfully disassembled at the owner's expense, particularly if they block delivery trucks or emergency vehicle access.

Apologetic Pond Prohibitions

Justine Logan, a long-time friend and neighbor of the Bread Loaf community, regrets that legal reasons now prohibit the use of Bridgman Pond by Bread Loaf community members. Those who previously visited the privately-owned pond are asked to respect her wishes on the matter and to accept her apologies for the new limitations.

Postal Apostrophe

Kind readers take note: the Front Desk reminds us that the wooden box at the desk can be used for the quick delivery of on-campus mail, as well as items heading downtown to the Middlebury College offices. It's the most efficient and reliable way to make sure that your letters, papers, and Quote-of-the-Day™ submissions reach their destinations; it also allows the Front Desk staff to attend to other business without interruption. Letters going out via the U.S. mail should be dropped in the slot to the left of the mailboxes.

Long Weekend Not Short on Activities

In order to provide a short reprieve in the middle of the summer session, there will be no classes this coming Friday. Though a few Bread Loafers flee our fine campus for this mid-term intermission, some stay behind to read, write, relax, and even revel in our reduced community. Accordingly, there will be a "Micro-Dance" this Saturday evening in the Barn from 9 to 1. DJ Doug "Notorious G.R.I.G." Grigsby of the Waitstaff will spin the tunes. The Friday night film series will also continue with this week's feature "Young Frankenstein." The Bread Loaf Outing Club may also take advantage of the drier weather and take to the trails this Friday or Saturday for a hike somewhere in the Green Mountains. More details on all these activities in *Crumbs* to come.

Aquiline Rides the Highway

Carin Aquiline is looking for a ride to Boston for the long weekend. If anyone can help her out, please drop a note in her box or see her in Inn 23. Be sure to check for other "ride wanted" announcements on the Board outside the dining hall.

Festival Features

The promised clear weather which eluded us on Saturday appears to have arrived at last, and should dominate the forecast for the coming week. That's great news for Middlebury's Festival on the Green, a series of outdoor concerts and presentations throughout the days and evenings ahead. Tonight, folk artist Lisa McCormick and the multiculturally influenced J.P. Cormier Trio will perform at 7 and 8:30 respectively. Local favorite Jon Gailmor presents a "brown bag" concert for kids and grown-ups alike tomorrow at noon, with folk singers Greg Greenway and Jimmie Dale Gilmore taking the stage in the evening. The events are free and open to all; bring a blanket or lawn chair with you for the greatest comfort on the Green.

Indigenous Wisdom

Today's Quote-of-the-Day™ comes from a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel often taught simultaneously at more than one Bread Loaf campus each summer. Your guesses as to the author and/or title of the work are due in the *Crumb* mailbox (or by e-mail to Hugh Coyle) by breakfast tomorrow for a chance to appear in Tuesday's Winners' Circle@.



The Crumb

Your Weekday Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Bastille Day, Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"A wonderful fact to reflect upon, that every human creature is constituted to be that profound secret and mystery to every other."

— ?

Today's Events:

Yoga: Every morning

at 6:45 AM, Barn 1

Soccer: 4:30, Field

Madrigal Rehearsal:

4:45, Barn

Orion Presentation:

5 PM, Barn 2

Maxine Kumin Read-

ing: 7:30 PM, Barn

"Throne of Blood"

Video: 8:45 PM, Barn 5

"Angels" Video: 9 PM,

Barn 4

Dinner Menu

Grilled ribeye steaks or spinach turnovers; rice pilaf, green beans, rye rolls, and custard-filled almond pastries for dessert.

Weather Watch

This Week

Mostly sunny and hot throughout the week; becoming increasingly lazy and humid with temps climbing into the 90's by Friday. Chance of thunderstorms later on in the week.

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Poet Appears

Visiting writer Maxine Kumin will read from her work in a special presentation this evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Kumin, who was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1973, has published twelve volumes of poetry in addition to novels, short story collections, and essays. A Poet Laureate of neighboring New Hampshire, she was awarded the Poet's Prize in 1993 and received the Aiken/Taylor Award for Modern Poetry in 1995. Her most recent book, *Selected Poems 1960-1990*, was published last year. All are invited to join in welcoming Maxine to Bread Loaf and to hear her read this evening.

Seniors Settle Social Schedule

Senior class members are reminded of this afternoon's meeting at 5 in the Blue Parlor to discuss commencement, summer socials, and the class gift. Check with either Gary Montaño or Steve Schadler if you are unable to attend. Any graduating senior who cannot be present at Commencement should check in with Elaine Lathrop in the Bread Loaf office sometime today or tomorrow to tell her so.

Videogenic Ideology

Following Maxine Kumin's reading tonight, two courses will have video screenings in the Barn classrooms. Michael Wood will show Japanese director Akira Kurosawa's culturalized interpretation of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, "Throne of Blood," in room 5 beginning on or around 8:45. At 9:00, Michael Cadden will present a one-hour documentary on the Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway performance of "Angels in America" in room 4. Both events are open to the general public on a space available basis.

Common Ground Comin'

Tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Barn, the Bread Loaf community will have the unique opportunity to attend an open reading of *Common Ground*, a theatrical work currently being adapted by playwright Kevin Heelan from the Pulitzer Prize-winning non-fiction book by Anthony Lukas. Heelan will be present for the reading, along with director Bob Egan. The play grapples with race and class issues that emerged during the implementation of desegregation in Boston. Members of Bread Loaf's Acting Ensemble have been joined by both students and visiting artists for this presentation. All are encouraged to come and witness this special work in the making.

Orion's Inspiring Environment

Bread Loaf's Orion fellows will discuss the "Stories in the Land" program this afternoon from 5-6 in Barn 2. Kurt Caswell, Ray Harrison, Mary Juzwik, and Dexter Mahaffey will offer details and advice to those wishing to apply for the \$1,000 grants, which aim to assist in the teaching of environmental literature and nature writing in schools. All are welcome to come and learn more about this exciting opportunity.

Runners' Reveries Realized

Runners, joggers, dog-walkers, and saunterers are all invited to take part in this year's Charlie Orr Memorial Fun Run on Saturday, July 25th, at 9:30 a.m. The 5K loop from Johnson Pond, around the (hopefully restored) Robert Frost Interpretative Trail, and back provides an opportunity for everyone to participate, from the rigorous race-runner to the once-in-a-while walker. The entry fee (a minimum contribution of \$11.00) includes a T-shirt designed by Shue Bellows (design on display outside the dining hall), with additional money to benefit the Charlie Orr Memorial Scholarship Fund. Charlie Orr was a candidate for the Master of Arts at Bread Loaf when he was killed in a biking/auto accident. His love of running Bread Loaf's and Ripton's roads lives on through this memorial race. Sign up on the sheet outside the dining hall; anyone able to volunteer their time and abilities on the day of the race (with course set-up, time-taking, and so on) should talk to Peter or Ed at the Front Desk.

For a more demanding race, runners might want to consider this weekend's Goshen Gallop at the Blueberry Hill Inn in Goshen. The 10+K race covers some serious terrain and has earned the Gallop the title of "the toughest 10K in New England." As the brochure states: "The elevation, the natural environment, and the sweat factor all add up to a great challenge." A \$20 pre-registration entry fee gets you entrance into the event, a feast at Blueberry Hill, swimming, a sauna, and a T-shirt for the first 100 entrants. The fee is \$25 on the day of the race. To register, pick up a form at the Front Desk.

DJ in PJ's

DJ Doug "Snoop Dougy Doug" Grigsby will be TuneMeister for this Saturday night's Micro-Dance, which has traditionally also been a "pajama party" in which revelers are requested to wear nighty-night-time attire. The fun starts at 9 and goes until 1 or so; frothy refreshments will be made available to those of adequate age and wisdom.

Revolutionary Parking Rules

The time has come to cease discussing the perceived inability of Bread Loafers to properly park their cars on campus. Herewith the Director's decree: cars may be left along Route 125 for short-term parking only (i.e. for a meal, a class, or an appointment). When possible, please refrain from parking directly in front of the Inn, as this creates potentially fatal situations for those crossing the street (particularly children). Also, do not park on sidewalks, as pedestrians hereby have permission to kick dents in the fenders of offending vehicles. There is to be no long-term or overnight parking in any other area except the Barn parking lot. There is to be absolutely no parking on the roadways behind the Inn, as these must be kept open for delivery and emergency vehicles. In honor of Bastille Day, the theater crew has been commissioned to construct a guillotine at Gilmore; those who pooh-poo these parking procedures will be beheaded at Thursday night's reading, after which all properly parked peasants shall drink ale and eat cake.

Blue Parlor People Publish Bound Book

Vicki Lopez, co-hostess of the 1998 Blue Parlor Reading series, announces the upcoming publication of a bound Blue Parlor Anthology featuring selections from this summer's presenters. Copies must be ordered in advance for \$6 apiece; a sign-up sheet with more details has been placed at the front desk. The books themselves should be available during the last week of classes.

Of Softball, Soccer, and Sundry Sports

Edward "Batter Up" Brown reports on last Sunday's softball game: "Edward and Emily (who was sitting in the field reading and doesn't even go to Bread Loaf) defeated Leo Hotte and Beth Harris, and Mark Feiner and Bill Damkoehler, 10-8-7. A number of people said they were coming and didn't. Shame on them. Their shame can be removed by coming out this Sunday."

Following France's defeat of Brazil in the World Cup soccer finals, Frank Betkowski and crew should be more charged up than ever for this afternoon's soccer match at 4:30. The fields may even be dry by then.

Don't forget about after-dinner volleyball on the courts to the east, or tomorrow evening's Ultimate Frisbee game at 7:00. Sign-ups also continue for this summer's Wimbleloaf; men's and women's singles participants should list their names by tomorrow evening for matching on Thursday. Check with KC Thornton for more details on the tournament.

Pyro-Prevention or Prohibition

Not that you'll be thinking of sitting by a warm fire in the days ahead, but even so... Whoever has taken the screens from in front of the Inn fireplaces (in the lobby and Blue Parlor) should return them promptly to their places. Otherwise, there will be no fires allowed in either location. Please also remember to place screens in front of other fires on campus; failure to do so has resulted in nearly catastrophic consequences in the past. Many thanks.

CNN Sought

Nan Leverett in the Theater needs to acquire three to five half-hour segments of CNN to be used in this summer's production of *The Threepenny Opera*. If anyone can assist, please speak to her as soon as possible.

A Far, Far Better Test of French History

Yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™ proved a bit confusing for *Crumb* readers, though most respondents were on the right track. The excerpt was taken from N. Scott Momaday's *House Made of Dawn*, though similar versions of the quote do appear in other Native American texts by authors such as Leslie Marmon Silko and Louise Erdrich. Those correctly identifying Momaday were Sarah Rebeck (who got it right away, no questions asked), Aerie Treska (who impressed the Editor with her list of "indigenous" authors), Tamara Pfeiffer, and Bill Rich. The selection today is in remembrance of Bastille Day; the author was known for telling tales so long, they often required two sittings. Your responses are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.



The Crumb

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Wednesday, July 15, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"I like to find what's not found at once, but lies within something of another nature in repose, distinct."
— ?

Today's Events:

Yoga: Every morning at 6:45 AM, Barn 1
Frisbee: 7 PM, Field
Common Ground Reading: 7:30 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

Grilled balsamic marinated london broil or baked broccoli cheese casserole; steamed red potatoes; cauliflower, carrots, and peas; cheese bread; and peach cobbler for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Hot and humid; highs around 90.

Tomorrow

Hot and humid; becoming cloudier, (tem) storms likely late.

Friday

Showers likely; highs around 80.

Common Ground Reading Tonight

The Bread Loaf community will have a unique opportunity to witness the adaptation of Anthony Lukas's Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Common Ground* for the stage by playwright Kevin Heelan. Under the direction of guest artist Bob Egan, members of Bread Loaf's Acting Ensemble will join students and visiting actors for a reading of the work in progress. The presentation will begin at 7:30 in the Barn.

Common Ground follows several Boston families as forced busing and school desegregation affect their lives in different ways. The play deals frankly and explicitly with issues of race and class, and as such may be considered unsuitable by some for younger children.

Red Rover, Red Rover, Send Andover Over

The Bread Loaf community extends a warm welcome to visiting members of the Andover Project, a satellite program of the School of English with a focus on assisting urban schoolteachers. Participants in the project will be on campus for the next several days along with Bread Loaf alumnus and Project Director Lou Bernieri. Please feel free to engage them in discussion as they sample all our campus has to offer.

Classroom Teachers' Teleconnections

Participants in the Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network will once again offer a presentation on the use of telecommunications technologies in the classroom. All are welcome to come and learn about the projects which have been planned or undertaken, along with information about how to become part of the exchanges. The meeting will be held in Barn 1 tomorrow at 7:30 PM.

Director's Departure

Once again, Director Jim Maddox will leave our fine Vermont campus, this time bound for our sister site at Lincoln College in Oxford, England. Jim departs on Friday, at which time Robert Stepto will once more step in as interim director. As before, appointments may be scheduled through the Bread Loaf office.

Photo Finish

Today is the final day to order school pictures from Front Desk Photographer Ed Brown at the special \$10 price. Final prints will be ready by the end of the session. Photos ordered after this date will cost \$12 apiece, with delivery by mail later in the summer. Check out the shots at the Front Desk if you haven't seen them already.

Kinetic Athletics

Registration continues for the Charlie Orr Memorial Fun Run, with the entry fee for the 5K race now reduced to \$10. Sign up outside the dining hall, with payment delivered to the Front Desk. Runners wishing to attempt this Sunday's Goshen Gallop should register at the Front Desk soon, as Ed will be driving the completed forms up to Blueberry Hill in time to lay claim to T-shirts for the participants. Check with the Front Desk for more details.

Several of Bread Loaf's more active athletes are also assembling a new test for the tireless: The Bread Loaf Triathlon Cubed (BLT3). The August 1st event (to be held in honor of a valued member of the Bread Loaf community) will include running, biking, swimming, more running, more biking, and more swimming, with final mileages of eight on the biking, four on the running, and one-half on the swimming. The actual course won't be revealed until the eve of the race in order to prevent anal athletes from attempting to acquire an advantage. Sign up by Monday, July 20, to guarantee a commemorative, collector's edition T-shirt; registration fee will be \$11-\$20 depending on the number of competitors. Volunteers will also be needed on the day of the race to help set the course and assist participants; check with Ed Brown or Chris Onken for more details.

Recruitment Reminder

Students who have signed up for appointments with the representative from Carney Sandoe are reminded that the interviews will take place tomorrow in the seminar room (second floor) of Davison Library. Check on the sign-up sheet outside the Bread Loaf office to verify the time of your appointment.

Friday's Frightening Feature

"Young Frankenstein" (that's pronounced fráhn-ken-steen) will zap life into movie-goers this Friday night in the Barn. The comedy, directed by Mel Brooks and starring Gene Wilder, Marty Feldman, Madeline Kahn, and Peter Boyle as "The Monster," is classic slapstick with a horror twist. The mayhem begins at 9.

Micro-Mania

DJ Doug "Jiggy" Grigsby will spin the discs at this weekend's barn bash, the annual Micro Dance. Revelers are expected to dress in bedtime attire for the event, which will run from 9 to 1. Nightcaps will be served, along with the usual fare. Don't be intimidated by the dress code; as Doug himself says, "Dare to be bare."

Long Weekend Laundry List

There will be no classes on Friday, giving the members of the Bread Loaf community a chance to heave a collective sigh and catch up on all of its unfinished business, like letter-writing and laundry-washing. Accordingly, the Bookstore will be closed on Friday. The Bread Loaf office will be open during the morning only unless absolutely necessary. There will be no *Crumb* (per se) published on Friday. Breakfast on Friday will be served on the weekend schedule at 8 am (self-serve). Lunches on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will also be self-service, with doors open from 12:45-1:15 (no need to get there early to get a good table). Water polo practice in Johnson Pond has been rescheduled, as has the Yachting Club's weekly social. There will be a temporary reprieve of the "no clean plate, no dessert" rule in the dining hall. Best of all, people can park wherever they darn well please.

Be Back for Blue

As you return to a Bread Loaf frame of mind on Sunday evening, don't forget to check out this weekend's Blue Parlor Reading, featuring Abra Chernik, Trey Martin, Julianne Weber, and Bobby Rue. The writers will read from their works beginning at 7:30. Come early for best seating. Refreshments will be served.

Kissinger's Wishes

John Kissinger writes: "Would anyone know of a (furnished) room or apartment which I could rent for two people for the last two weeks of the session, say 23 July through 6 August? I'm trying to avoid B&B prices... and I'm not picky. Let me know in Annex 12 or mailbox or Breadnet. Thanks."

Fretful Flier

A desperate request from Vanessa Keiper of Bloomfield 53: "I need to catch a plane to Germany out of Boston on August 5 at 5:30 pm. Is there a special someone who'd not only give me a ride (I'd be happy to pay for gas and food!) but is leaving here early enough to be in Boston by 3 pm? That's the only plane to Germany out of Boston on that day, and I'd really like to be on it. Please let me know by Sunday so that I can confirm my reservation."

The Pleasures of Levitation

Yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™ fooled a number of readers, who assumed that the author in question would be French in honor of Bastille Day. As it turns out, the quote came from Englishman Charles Dickens's classic *A Tale of Two Cities*, which deals with historical events of that time. Correct guesses came in from Risa Udall, Carolyn Coleman, Roberta Mailer, Susan Terrano, Joy Rutter, Nancy Olson, Anne Hutchinson, and Julia Carlson-Federhofer. Today's quote comes from a contemporary of Maxine Kumin; I thought I'd give an easy clue in the headline above, but then decided to "leave it off."

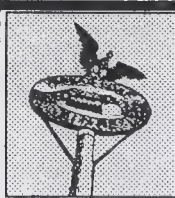
Early Techies Turn in Tip-Top Top Ten Titles

A day ahead of the deadline, the theater crew has submitted their Top Ten entries for the week, with a number of worthy mentions. Herewith, the judges reward them with their own Special Edition list:

Top Ten Titles for Bread Loaf: The Movie

10. I Know What You Did This Summer
9. Frost Farmageddon
8. Edzilla
7. Some Like it Humid
6. The Frenchy Connection
5. Citizen Jim
4. Strictly Square Dance
3. Moosespotting
2. The English Student Who Went up a Mountain and Came Down with a Masters
1. The Usual Subtexts

Submissions are still being taken until dinnertime tonight for tomorrow's weekly list on the same topic. Don't let the theater staff run away with this year's top prize—get those entries in today!



Your Little Weekday Companion
at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Thursday, July 16, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"Is it so small a thing
To have enjoyed the sun,
To have lived light in
the spring,
To have loved, to have
sought, to have

advanced true
friends, and beat
down baffling foes?"
— Matthew Arnold

Today's Events:

Soccer: 4:30 pm, Field
Telecommunications
Mtg.: 7:30, Barn 1.

Dinner Menu

Barbecue chicken or
cheese and vegetable
soufflé; roasted barley
and rice, peas and car-
rots, marble bread, and
fruit clafouti for dessert.
Don't ask me; I don't
know what "clafouti" is
either.

Weather Watch

Today

Hot, humid,
chance of storms.

Tomorrow

Slow clearing,
temps around 80.

Weekend

Mostly pleasant,
temps in the 80's.

BreadNet Vets Aid and Abet

Bread Loafers interested in learning more about year-round telecommunications projects in the classroom are invited to attend this evening's presentation on BreadNet featuring past and present members of the Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network (BLRTN). Participants will discuss their involvement in the program and offer guidelines and advice for those wishing to take part in the future. The meeting convenes at 7:30 in Barn 1.

Popular Process

Carol MacVey reports that the books for her Drama Process workshop participants are now available in the bookstore. More will be ordered if this first shipment sells out. Also, due to the incredibly strong response to the workshops, a third session has been scheduled for Sunday, July 26, from 3 to 6 pm in Barn A. To sign up, look for the list posted on the bulletin board outside the Bread Loaf office.

Frankenstein Friday

Find out what sends Madeline Kahn into song and what makes the horses neigh in Friday night's feature film, "Young Frankenstein." First year student Abby Normal described the film as "monstrous mayhem." The Mel Brooks classic features the comic genius of Gene Wilder and Marty Feldman; it begins in the Barn at 9 p.m.

Scandalous Dance Planned

This weekend's "Micro Dance" promises to continue the tradition of tiny yet titillating shindigs here on the Mountain during the long weekend. DJ Doug "Bump'n' Grind" Grigsby has conceived a sweaty set of high-steppin', bamboard-stompin' songs which, he hopes, will have everyone fully stripped and slipping off for skinny-dipping in Johnson Pond shortly after one o'clock. Everyone's invited to wear night-time attire as the pajama party gets underway at 9 in the Barn. Beverages, both fermented and lemonish, will be served.

Short Shrift Given to Long Weekend

The bookstore will be closed tomorrow. Breakfast will be on the weekend schedule (8 am). Lunches will be self-serve (12:45-1:15). The Bread Loaf office will close around noon (12:00). There will be no van run into town tomorrow afternoon. No *Crumb* neither.

Long Weekend Not Short on Sports

For those with nothing better to do this weekend, consider one or more of the many athletic options available. The soccer team meets this afternoon at their usual field time of 4:30. Fridays are frisbee days, with the team assembling after dinner at 7. Sunday is softball day, with Ed Brown taking attendance at 2. Every day is volleyball day after dinner, weather permitting. Throughout the weekend, runners and triathletes will train for the upcoming competitions: The Goshen Gallop on Sunday at 4, the Charlie Orr Memorial Fun Run on July 25, and the Bread Loaf Triathlon Cubed on August 1. Of the latter, Chris Onken reports that both teams and individuals can sign up for the competition, though the course itself may create some logistical difficulties for teams to compete. He refused to divulge any further information about the course itself; rumor has it the map of the route is tattooed to his back and won't be revealed until closer to the race date.

Blue Rendezvous

As you return to the Mountain to reconnect with your friends, books, and paper assignments, don't forget Sunday evening's Blue Parlor Reading. This weekend, community writers Trey Martin, Julianne Weber, Bobby Rue, and Abra Chernik will share their recent work. As always, plan to arrive early for the most comfortable seating. Light after-dinner refreshments will be on hand as well.

Huddle Befuddled: "What'll I Read?"

Resident writer and Bread Loaf faculty member David Huddle will be busy this weekend deciding what to feature in his reading next week. David had written a number of books, both poetry and prose, including *Paperboy*, *Intimates*, *The High Spirits*, *Tenorman*, and a Bread Loaf favorite, *The Writing Habit*. Make plans now to come and hear him at 7:30 in the Barn on Monday evening.

Step to Steps Up

Robert Step to will once again assume the mantle of Mountaintop Monarch as Jim Maddox makes his way overseas to Bread Loaf's Oxford campus at Lincoln College. Anyone needing to make an appointment with Robert may do so at the Bread Loaf office.

Bookish Bargains

The Monroe Street Bookstore will hold its annual yard sale this weekend from 9 until 5 on both Saturday and Sunday. Books of all kinds are priced from a quarter to a dollar as the store looks toward reducing its inventory; plan to arrive early for the best selection. Look for more information on signs posted throughout the Inn.

Well-Pleased Guessers

Congratulations to all those who correctly identified poet Denise Levertov as the author of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, an excerpt from her poem "Pleasures." In the Winners' Circle were: Nancy Olson, Ed Brown, Melissa Walter, Katherine Morey, Steve Duffy, Jen Lighty, Janet Atkins, and someone who didn't sign his or her name but misspelled Denise Levertov anyway, so nuts to you.

Top Teams Tangle Over Titles

Bread Loaf's most stalwart Top Ten teams tried their best to come up with submissions for this week's competition, but it does appear that the Theater Crew had the upper hand on this round. Herewith, yet more responses to this week's list:

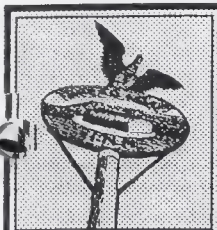
Top Ten Titles for Bread Loaf: The Movie

10. Michael Cadden's "A River Runs Through It." (IS)
9. Moooo-lan (or Leo Hotte in "Mow-lawn") (CG)
8. Literature of Empire Strikes Back (IS)
7. Who's Afraid of Bryan Wolf? (QQ)
6. Love's Labour's Frost (MOA)
5. The Full Maddox (ST) or The Full Gilmore (IS)
4. Phantom of the Threepenny Opera (QQ)
3. Free Willy Shakespeare (IS)
2. Amabreaddon (MOA)
1. Conan the Grammarian (QQ)

The scores so far [Key: Abbreviation=Name chosen responses to date]:

ST=Susan Terrano and the Theater Staff (21)
QQ=Quick Quip Mistresses=Karen Loutzenheiser, Annette Hardin, and Prudence Plunkett (10)
MOA=Men Of Annex (8)
IS=The Innights (8)
KCT=KC Thornton (3)
NJ=Nancy Jennings (2)
RH=Ray Harrison (2)
JF=Jonathan Freeman (1)
SW=Sharilyn West (1)
CG=Crumb Guy (1)

A new topic will be announced early next week. In the meantime, rest those heads, be kind to your minds, and refrain from brain strain.



Today's Tidbits

"Have you found your life distasteful?
My life did and does smack sweet.
Was your youth of pleasure wasteful?
Mine I saved and hold complete.
Do your joys with age diminish?
When mine fail me, I'll complain.
Must in death your daylight finish?
My sun sets to rise again.
— ?

Today's Events:

Yoga: Every morning at 6:45 AM, Barn 1
David Huddle Reading: 7:30 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

Baked ham or stuffed portabello mushrooms; scalloped potatoes, broccoli, and apple pie for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Hot and humid;
in the upper 80's.

Tomorrow

Sunny, but gross
hot and sweaty.

Wednesday

Even more sweltering,
and probably stormy to
boot by afternoon.

The Crumudgeon

Your Complaining Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Monday, July 20, 1998

Huddled Masses

Everyone knows the readings in the Barn can get hot and sticky, and those wicker chairs dig into your legs if you get one without a good cushion. To make matters worse, Bread Loaf Professor and resident writer David Huddle's reading this evening is expected to attract a massive crowd. Chances are that by the time you get there for the 7:30 event, the best seats will be taken. All that will be left are those folding chairs that cause backache attacks halfway through the activity. You can save yourself further disappointment by buying David's books in the bookstore before the reading; copies of *The Writing Habit*, *Tenorman*, *Intimates*, or any of David's other fine books will probably be sold out by the time you go to buy them tomorrow.

Step to Steeped in Past

Bread Loaf Professor and Interim Director Robert Step to will read from his forthcoming memoir *Blue as the Lake: A Personal Geography* tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Alas, the book itself won't be available until August; check for announcements in future *Crumbs* to find out if it ships in before we all ship out.

Six Staff Studs Strut Their Stuff

"Too much testosterone," was one response to the announcement of Wednesday evening's "staff reading," which features Assistants to the Director Ralph Sneed and Shue Bellows, *Crumb* Editor Hugh Coyle, and Front Desk mainstays Ed Brown, Peter Newton, and John Mancuso. Contrary to popular rumor, the site of the event will *not* be renamed the Blueboy Parlor. The men will commence their presentation at 7:30.

Unthinking Ding-a-ling Ringers

The ladies on the hill submit this epistle: "Learning must sometimes be an intensely conscious process. The women of Tamarack must ask, once again, that everyone apply this principle in using the phone here, recalling that it is imperative to punch in 9 before getting an outside line. Otherwise, as soon as you dial 1 followed by 800 (to place a credit card call), the phone will ring at extension 18 (from 5 in the morning today until all hours of the night). Please think before you ring!"

Melissa's Madrigalist Reminder

Absent-minded madrigal singers are prompted that practices take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:45 to 5:30 in the Barn. Please speak with Melissa Walter if that creates problems for you.

"Process" Spawns Sequels

People around here are way too interested in integrating theater into the classroom. That first round of registration for the "Drama Process" workshops filled up fast, and the "Drama Process Strikes Back" sequel closed out almost as soon as the sign-up sheet went up. Thankfully, Carol MacVey has now started a list for a third workshop, "Return of the Drama Process," scheduled for this coming Sunday afternoon. Those attending the second workshop should plan to meet Wednesday evening in Barn 1 from 7:30 until 11:00. See the board outside the Bread Loaf office for more details and pre-registration.

Opera Buffs Flock to Box Office

Tickets for next week's full-scale theater production of Bertolt Brecht's *The Threepenny Opera* will be available beginning tomorrow. Bread Loafers are entitled to two free tickets each; seating is general admission. Don't wait until the last minute to pick up your tickets; additional tickets may be made available next week once the initial demand has been met. To pick up tickets, stop by the porch of Bridgman and speak to Nan this Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between the hours of 9-10 AM, 11:30-12:30 PM, and 1:30-2:30 PM. Ushers are also needed for the shows; let Nan know if you can volunteer.

Pressing Concerns

Who the heck took all the irons out of the laundry room? Whoever "borrowed" these items, please be sure to return them ASAP, lest we all be beset with unpressed pants and blouses for the rest of the summer.

Suppressed Wrestlers

Following DJ Doug "Gettin' Griggy with It" Grigsby's blast of massive jams at this past weekend's Micro-Dance, DJ Hugh "Crumb Baby Crumb" Coyle challenges him to a World Federation-level tag-team grudge match of music-mixing and disc-spinning this coming Saturday night at the Suppressed Desires dance. Attending revelers are expected to dress according to their afore-mentioned suppressions, with prizes offered for best costumes in a number of categories (best individual, best group, best literary allusion, most creative use of salad bar items, etc.). The suggested theme for the evening is "Strictly Barn-Room." Volunteers are needed to assist in setting up and disassembling the dance; drop a note to Hugh via the *Crumb* if you're willing and able to help out.

Immodest Proposal

It's bad enough that there aren't enough seats sometimes in the dining hall, and crowded conditions are significantly worsened for the waitstaff and diners alike with children underfoot. HeadWaiters Tim and Aerie are currently considering a proposal submitted by visiting culinary consultant Jonathan Swift that should help relieve the over-population problem. In the meantime, students are reminded that they may not bring their children into the dining hall and should instead seek service at the Snack Barn. Those who have been permitted to bring small children into the dining hall should not leave them unattended during the meal.

Airing Dirty Laundry

It figures that the Nu-Way linen exchange took place last week on a day when lots of us got off campus for the first time in weeks. Those who missed Friday's drop-off and pick-up can claim clean linen at the Front Desk today or tomorrow. "We don't deal in dirt, though," says Innkeeper Victoria Brown, "so tell folks to hold on to their old linen until this week's exchange."

Ed Brown in Running for Quote King

"These darn quotes are too easy," complains Innkeeper Ed Brown. "Why don't you give us a real challenge for a change?" Today's Quote-of-the-Day™ is less likely to elicit dozens of guesses, though the author is well-known and oft-quoted, particularly for a poem about portraiture. Guesses are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow. In the meantime, here's another quibbling quote by the same writer: "When the liquor's out, why clink the cannikin?"

Tense Ten

The long weekend was too short. You have too many papers to write. It's not humanly possible to read as much material as you have to read by the end of the week. Every time you want to call home, the lines are busy. You now clock your progress through novels based on the number of mosquito bites you get per page. The drier you stuffed your cold, wet clothes into this morning, the only one that was open, leaves you with warm, wet clothes to wear this afternoon. Dinner features an entree you can't recognize, let alone pronounce. And you haven't even begun to think about your costume for the Suppressed Desires dance.

How to deal with it all? Try tackling a top ten list for fun and distraction as we announce this week's topic: Top Ten Signs of Stress at Bread Loaf. Entries are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by Thursday dinner, with the list set for Friday's edition.



The Crumb

Your Constant Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

Volume 79, Number 20

Tuesday, July 21, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"'Yes,' I answered you last night;
'No,' this morning, sir,
I say:
Colors seen by candle-
light
Will not look the same
by day."
— ?

Today's Events:

Yoga: Every morning
at 6:45 AM, Barn 1
Soccer: 4:30 PM, Field
Madrigal Rehearsal:
4:45 PM, Barn
Robert Stepto Read-
ing: 7:30 PM, Barn
"Duck Soup" Video:
7:55 PM, Barn 5

Dinner Menu

Venison stew or
polenta with gorgon-
zola cheese; brown
and wild rice pilaf,
tomato calamart,
garlic bread, carrot
cake for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Hazy and warm;
in the upper 80's.
Chance of showers
later in the day.

Tomorrow

Partly cloudy, hot, and
humid. Highs near 90.
Chance of late storms.

Wednesday

Variably cloudy and
humid, mid-80's.



Stepto Surveys Personal Geography

Professor Robert Stepto will read from his forthcoming book *Blue as the Lake: A Personal Geography* this evening at 7:30 in the Barn. The memoir follows Robert's relation to various regions and localities throughout his life and, as such, provides yet another perspective in a series of meditations on place begun by Lawrence Buell in the Drew lecture and continued by Sara Blair in her talk on Bloomsbury. Robert hopes to have copies of the book (now at the printer) available in the bookstore by the end of the session; if not, look for it at your local bookstore when you return back home.

Staff Six-Pack Set to Pack Parlor

In a special Blue Parlor event, six members of the Bread Loaf staff will read from their works tomorrow evening at 7:30. Front Desk jockeys John Mancuso, Peter Newton, and Ed Brown will join Assistants to the Director Ralph Sneed and Shue Bellows and *Crumb* Editor Hugh Coyle for an action-packed presentation of prose and poetry. Seating is on a first-come, first-comfortable basis; first-class refreshments will be served.

Michael an Excellent Marxman

Following Robert Stepto's reading this evening, Michael Wood will demonstrate once and for all what Marxist theory is all about when he shows the movie "Duck Soup" for his film class. Anyone interested in attending is welcome to join in the fun; the classic comedy will begin around 8:45 in Barn 5.

Free Seats for "3PO"

Free tickets are now available for next week's production of Bertolt Brecht's *The Threepenny Opera* ("3PO" in theater shorthand). Bread Loafers are permitted to take two tickets each; seating will be general admission. To lay dibs on a performance, drop by the porch of Bridgman and speak to Nan today, tomorrow, or Thursday between the hours of 9-10 AM, 11:30-12:30 PM, and 1:30-2:30 PM. The play runs from Thursday through Sunday evening; Wednesday night's dress rehearsal is also open to the public with no tickets needed. Nan also seeks ushers for the four main shows; check with her if you'd like to volunteer.

Spencer Director Visits

Bread Loaf extends a warm welcome to Marty Rutherford, who directs the Spencer Foundation's teacher-research grant program. Marty will be on the campus until Thursday; leave a note at the Front Desk if you'd like to talk to her about the program.

Fun Run Re-Routed

Though the weather outlook looks excellent for Saturday's Charlie Orr Memorial Fun Run (sunny, dry, and in the mid-70's), damage from the flash floods earlier this summer remains unrepaired at the Frost Interpretive Trail. For that reason, expect a new route for the run, which will still begin and end at Johnson Pond at 9:30 am. Volunteers are needed to help guide and time runners; sign up at the Front Desk today if you can help out. There's also still time to sign up for the run, though the T-shirt order has already been submitted.

Faculty Classifieds

Two well-paying positions are offered by Bread Loaf faculty members:

Bryan Wolf and Harriet Chessman seek someone to give tennis lessons (about a half hour each) to their ten-year-old son Micah. Call 388-1741 or leave a note in Bryan Wolf's mailbox.

Sara Blair and Jonathan Freedman are looking for a babysitter to take care of their son Ben during the various events of Commencement weekend. Drop them a note if you can help out; they'd greatly appreciate it.

Victoria Brown in Awe of Husband

"Yesterday's quote was too tricky," complains Innkeeper Ed Brown, whose guess just missed the mark. Even so, his wife Victoria was impressed by the proximity of his answer, and therein lies a clue. Those who correctly identified Robert Browning as the poet-du-jour (from "At the Mermaid") were: Melissa Walter (quick as always and heading for the lead), Peter Newton (the first correct guesser by a second or two), Aerie Treska, Janet Atkins, Samantha Dunaway, Nancy Olson, and former Quote King Steve Duffy (via cyberspace). Guesses, as always, are due in writing in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.



The Crum "Erratica" Edition

Your Qirky Companion at the Breadloaf School Of English

Volume 79, Number 21

Whensday, July 22, 1998

Todays Tibbits

All nature is but art,
unknown to thee;
All chance, direction
which thou canst not
see;
All discord, harmony
not understood;
All partial evil, univer-
sal good;
And, spite of pride, in
erring reason's spite,
One truth is clear,
Whatever is, is right.
— ?

Todays Events:

Yoga: Every morning
at 6:45 AM, Barn 1
Staff Reading: 7:30
PM, Barn A
Frisbee: 7:30, Field
Drama Workshop:
7:30 PM, Barn 1

Dinner Menu

London Broil with
Balsamic marinade
or pasta with Dijon
pesto; baked potatoes,
green beans, and
blue berry pie.

Whether Watch

Today

Partly cloudy and hot;
highs 85-90.

Tomorrow

Showers and thunder
storms likely, near 80.

Friday

Clearing, cooler, and
less humid.

Poets and Prose-writers on Payroll

Owing to the expected, extreme heat today and also to an anticipated lack of seating as well, this evening's reading by Breadloaf staff members has been moved from the blue parlor to Barn A. Front Desk power-brokers Peter Newton, John Mancuso and Ed Brown will present their prose and poetry along with Assistants to the Director Shue Sneed and Ralph Bellows, and "Crumb" righter Hugh Coil. All are invited to attend: refreshments will be served.

"Process" Presents Second Session

Students registered for Carol Macvey's "Darma Process Workshop" are reminded to meet this evening from 7:30 until 11:00 in Barn 1. Owing to popularity, Carl has scheduled a third session for Sunday, which you can go outside the Bread Loaf office to sign up for.

Harper to Read Tomorrow Eve

Award winning poet Michael Harper will read from his work that has twice been nominated for the National Book award tomorrow evening. In addition, Harper has also received the Melville Cane Award for poetry, and was poet laureate of Rhode Island. His books include "Dear John, Dear Coltrane" and most recently, "Honorable Amendments." A volume of a collection of his works called "Songlines in Michaeltree" is forthcoming. All are invited to attend the reading which takes place, at 7:30 in the Barn.

Christians Congregate

Pearl Chin reminds Bread Loafers that Christian Fellowship will meet tonite at 7:00 p.m. for an half hour in Bran East. "If wednesday evenings are not convenient," writes Pearl. "There is also a Friday morning prayer meeting at 7 a.m. in Barn Eats."

Box Talk

The Breadloaf Theater Box Office, which is neither in the theater or in the Box or is not an office but is actually the porch of Bridgman across the street from the Annex, will be open today and tomorrow between the hours of 9-10 AM, 11:30-12:30 PM, and 1:30-2:30 PM for those wishing to pick up tickets, of which you get two, to next week's performance by the acting ensemble and community players on Thursday through Sunday of Bertolt Brecht's *The Threepenny Opera*. Box office manager Nan Leverett says one can also mail her one's requests for tickets as well though you should provide an alternative night in case the night they requested didn't have any more tickets left for it.

Related Writers' Reading

Breadloaf's "better halves" will take to the podium Friday evening, as Harriet Chessman (Bryan Wolf's wife), Michele Stepto (Robert Stepto's wife), and Jean Hanff Korelitz (Paul Muldoon's wife) present "Writers in the Middst," an evening of prose and/or poetry from their published and forthcoming work. The reading will begin at 7:30. Location to be announced.

Heroic Scribblers Visit Twickenham

I suppose we should give credit to Ed Brown, husband of better half Victoria Brown, whose wrong guess of Robert Browning's wife Elizabeth Barrett Browning on Monday would have been right on Tuesday. Those who were correctly identifying the second half of the husband and wife writing couple are Melissa Walter, Aerie Treska, Sandy Brutkowski, Aerie Treska, Nancy Olson, Chris Benson, Aerie Treska, Janet Atkins, and Steve Duffy. Today's author is, in some ways, also famous for couples; the headline above intergrates several clues to his or her identity (as if one needs any clues at all); guesses are due in the "Crumb" mailbox, by breakfast tomorrow.

Stressful Ten Deadline

Just a reminder, entries are due tomorrow evening for this weeks Top Ten list, the Top Ten signs of Stress at Breadloaf.

Errata

Perhaps it reminds you of your students papers. Perhaps not. But in case you havent already noticed this issue of the *crumb* has a few mistakes. Some of them quite glaring, some of them not. So did yesterday's when the crumb reported that the T-shirts which were ordered for the Charlie Orr run were already ordered which they weren't. Another clarification: Eagle eye Gail Buckly from the theatre shop also notices that the whether said the day after tomorrow was Wednesday, which it was, but Monday, not yesterday, when it was Thursday. The *crumb* regrets the errors, and invites those of you with little time on their hands to correct this copy of the "Crumb," and the person that gets the most corrections will get mentioned in tomorrow's, and so you should uncap that red pen you brought with you, hiding in your desk or backpack, and have at it.



The Crumb

Your Creative Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

Volume 79, Number 22

Thursday, July 23, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"Man is born to live, not to prepare for life. Life itself, the phenomenon of life, the gift of life, is so breathtakingly serious!"

— ?

Today's Events:

Yoga: daily, 6:45 AM
Soccer: 4:30, Field
Madrigal Rehearsal: 4:45, Barn
Michael Harper Reading: 7:30, Barn
"Lost Highway" Video: 8:45, Barn 5
Gilmore Reading: 9:30, Gilmore

Dinner Menu

Roast turkey breast with cranberry cornbread or country fritata; mashed potatoes, roasted potatoes, snowflake rolls, and chocolate cake.

Weather Watch

Today

Rainy and gray, maybe some thunder. Highs near 80.

Tomorrow

Partly sunny and breezy; highs in 70's.

Weekend

Fair and pleasant, highs 75-80.

Loafers Head Over to Hear Harper

Visiting poet Michael Harper will read from his work this evening at 7:30 over in the Barn. Harper's work spans time, place, and culture, and has been noted for its integration of literary and musical elements (particularly jazz, as evidenced by the title of his book *Dear John, Dear Coltrane*). Most recently, he has been assembling a collection of previously published work along with newer poems for the forthcoming *Songlines in Michaeltree*. He has also co-edited an anthology of contemporary African-American poets, *Every Shut Eye Ain't Asleep*, and co-edited with Bread Loaf's own Robert Stepto the book *Chant of Saints*. Harper is currently a University Professor of Brown, where he has taught for several decades and also directed the Writing program. All are encouraged to hear this special reading; several of Harper's books will also be available in the bookstore sometime next week.

Insistent Madrigalist

Melissa Walter insists that Madrigalists persisting in dismissive absences cease and desist immediately and attend this afternoon's regularly scheduled rehearsal at 4:45 in the Barn. Failure to do so may result in your discovery of a high soprano voice you never thought you had when Melissa catches up with you.

Spouses' Espousal

Michele Stepto, Jean Hanff Korelitz, and Harriett Chessman will read from their prose tomorrow evening as they present "Writers in the Middst," a collection of works by the spouses of Bread Loaf faculty members. All are invited to attend this special offering, which will begin at 7:30 in Barn 1.

With Frost Lost, Fun-Runners Race to Reichert's

Since it now appears doubtful that the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail will be open anytime soon, Fun Run organizer Ed Brown has rerouted the race to the Reichert house, a former Ripton schoolhouse along Route 125 and now the home of Louise Reichert, who, along with her late husband Rabbi Victor Reichert, remains one of Bread Loaf's longest-standing and dearest friends. The Run will begin and end at Johnson Pond at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning; volunteers are still needed to help with various technical aspects of the event. Late entrants can sign up on the morning of the race itself; the \$10 entry fee goes toward supporting the Charlie Orr Memorial Scholarship here at the School of English.

"Lost" in Wood's Class

As part of his "Literature, Film, and Philosophy" course, Michael Wood will show "Lost Highway" this evening in Barn 5 following the Michael Harper reading. The film is the most recent release by director David Lynch, best known for his ground-breaking "Blue Velvet" and the cult TV series "Twin Peaks." All are invited to attend the screening on a space-available basis.

Seekers Believe Saint's Face Graces Barn

Visitors to the Barn recently attest that if you look at the eastern wall at just the right time of day, you can make out the face of the Madonna. While that may be true, it will be the face of a perhaps equally famous yet likely less virginal Madonna gracing the silver screen tomorrow evening as the Bread Loaf Friday Film series presents "Desperately Seeking Susan." The film begins at 9 PM in the Barn; don't forget that the snack bar will close early for the feature.

Penultimate Parlor Presentation

This Sunday evening, Nona Edelson, Nicole Johnson, Nancy Olson, and Jeff Klein will read from their work at the next-to-last Blue Parlor reading. Come and support Bread Loaf's strong community of writers as this weekly event nears the end of the 1998 season. Refreshments will be served; come early for the most comfortable seating before the reading begins at 7:30.

Take Two for Threepenny

Nan Leverett of the Theater Box Office reports that tickets for next week's full-scale production of Brecht's *Threepenny Opera* (lovingly known as "3PO") are quickly disappearing, and so encourages Bread Loafers to stop by the porch of Bridgman this afternoon from 1:30-2:30 pm to pick up the two to which they're entitled. Certain shows will sell out quite soon, so get your order in now (by mail is fine as well) to get your first pick of performances. Heed Nan's warning: "Procrastination could mean no 3PO 4U."

Swing's the Thing

In preparation for the Suppressed Desires dance, Beth Harris will offer a "swing dancing" workshop for any and all interested on Saturday afternoon in Barn A at 4:30. Come and take advantage of this excellent opportunity to add a few new moves to your groove repertoire.

Students Distressed Over Dress for "Suppressed"

Papers and presentations may be pressing, but party preparation priorities must prevail. Saturday night, in the Barn, Bread Loaf presents the summer's major social event, the "Suppressed Desires" party. With a long and sometimes scandalous tradition behind it, this costume ball offers revelers the opportunity to be as they want to be, not as they are. Any and all attitudes and inhibitions which are not part of your costume must be checked at the door; strict rules of confidentiality must be maintained for all behavior witnessed once inside the Barn doors. Doug "Gruesome" Grigsby and Hugh "Crusher" Coyle will battle it out in the DJ booth as both seek to take control of the party and reduce the masses to quivering puddles of sweat. Expect surprise visits from past Loafers, who often make an annual pilgrimage to attend this notorious night of delirium and debauchery. The dance will run from 9 to whenever; bring a mug for your frothy beverages to cut down on cup consumption if possible.

The Medium is the Massage

Sandy Brutkowski, resident nurse and quote ace at the Cornwall Infirmary, reports: "I got a call from Heather Lawton, who has done massage here in the past and is available for the rest of the summer on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Her phone number is 657-2990. Bread Loafers can also sign up for an appointment with her at Cornwall."

Crumb Critics Suggest Corrections

Several Bread Loafers pointed out that there were a few errors in yesterday's *Crumb*, while others read blithely through the Wednesday edition with nary a notice. Kudos to Prudence Plunkett and Jennifer Tucker, who took some time to test their editing skills and tied in their ability to tidy up the twisted prose. And just for the record, Bread Loaf IS two words, despite its appearance to the contrary on many local road signs and markers. Learn that lesson well, lest your status as a true Loafer ever be called into question.

Doctors Rush in and Reject Noble Honor

Of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, from Alexander Pope's *An Essay on Man*, Bread Loaf alumnus and former Assistant to the Director Steve Duffy writes:

"If nature's art, what's right is right,
And pen can conquer sword with might,
And Quotes-of-Days™ (with or without rhymes)
Can fill one's too unstructured times,
Then one must not abandon hope
In guessing Alexander Pope."

Joining Steve in the Winners' Circle were: Melissa Walter (first as always), Prudence Plunkett, Jen Lighty, Chris Benson, Robbie Harold, Liz Bedell, Jason Crossett, and Janet and Michael Atkins.

Here's how to pull apart a clue like yesterday's "Heroic Scribblers Visit Twickenham": Heroic and the note in the text about "couples" referred to heroic couplets, of which Pope was the undeniable master. Scribblers referred to the Scriblerus Club, of which Pope was a member. Twickenham was the English town in which Pope lived, earning him the infamous nickname the "Wicked Wasp of Twickenham."

Today's headline also has three clues for you; guesses are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow. Another clue for today: perhaps it might be best to just hope that Aerie Treska has passed her knack for guessing quotes on to the rest of us.

Top Ten Stress and Tension

So far the entries have been scarce for this week's Top Ten list, a sure sign in and of itself that one of the "Top Ten Signs of Stress at Bread Loaf" is a lack of spare time. Those with entries to submit should do so by dinner this evening; we'll try to cull a final list for the Friday edition.



The Crumb

Your Cunning Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

Volume 79, Number 23

Friday, July 24, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"Body, remember not only how much you were loved, not only the beds you lay on, but also those desires glowing openly in eyes that looked at you, trembling for you in voices."

— ?

Today's Events:

Yoga: daily, 6:45 AM
Ultimate Frisbee: 7:00, Field
Writers in the "Middst" Reading: 7:30, Barn 1
"Desperately Seeking Susan": 9:00, Barn
"Midnight Blue" Reading: Midnight, Barn A

Dinner Menu

Baked cod with tomato, fennel, basil, and white wine or stuffed zucchini; wildrice pilaf, green beans and red peppers, sticky buns, and the dessert du jour.

Weather Watch

Today

Cool and dry, some clouds. Highs in 70's.

Weekend

Fair and pleasant, highs 75-80.

Writing Trio Moves from "Middst"

Three Bread Loaf community writers will read from their works as they present "Writers in the Middst" this evening at 7:30 in Barn 1. All are invited to attend this special evening. Jean Hanff Korelitz may also demonstrate her editing skills for the crowd; her marked-up "Erratica" *Crumb* scored very high points with the judges and was the only one to note that the "Middst" title was a play on words, not a typo. She also corrected for content, noting that only prose (no poetry) will be read this evening. Each author is related by marriage to a Bread Loaf faculty member; test your *Crumb* IQ by matching them up in the pop quiz below:

Michele Stepto	Paul Muldoon
Jean Hanff Korelitz	Bryan Wolf
Harriett Chessman	Robert Stepto

Fleet-Footed Fly in Fun Run

If the weather holds, there'll be sun for the Fun Run come morning, along with cool dry air to energize the participants. The race will begin and end at Johnson Pond, following a route along 125 toward Ripton and back. Organizer Ed Brown says that the substituted loop should provide for an excellent chance at a Fun Run record time, particularly with so many serious runners on campus this summer. T-shirts are ready for pick-up at the Front Desk if you have paid or pay up your \$10 entry fee; late registrants can still enter the race, but may not be able to receive a T-shirt. Runners, walkers, strollers, saunterers, and others should gather at the Pond after 9:00 tomorrow morning for the 9:30 start; prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the race. Proceeds raised will benefit the Charlie Orr Memorial Scholarship Fund, established to honor one of the Mountain's most beloved students in years past.

Desperately Seeking Cinema

While work continues on the Mountaintop Multiplex (previously known as the Burgess Meredith Theater, previously known as the Little Theater), moviegoers can still catch a film in a cozier, quainter environment by coming to the Barn this evening for a screening of "Desperately Seeking Susan" on the big screen. The film features Madonna in one of her first movie roles, and revolves around a case of mistaken identities which leads to chaos. You might want to bring a sweater or blanket with you; temperatures are expected to dip down into the 40's tonight. Word on the street is that the temperature in Barn A will be heating up around midnight, however, so you might consider that for a post-movie warm-me-up.

Dramatic Shift from Process to Softball

Owing to an out-of-town commitment, Carol MacVey has had to cancel the third (and final) Drama Process workshop previously scheduled for this Sunday afternoon. Tickets held for that event will be honored at that afternoon's softball game, however. Those playing or spectating should take to the field around 2:00 for the afternoon game. If Carol makes it back to campus in time, she promises to smack one out of the park for all those who had hoped to see her perform in the workshop.

Blue Crew Sets Sights on Sunday

Bread Loaf writers Nicole Johnson, Nancy Olson, Jeff Klein, and Nona Edelson will read from their prose and poetry at this coming Sunday's Blue Parlor reading. All are welcome to attend this next-to-last presentation of the summer. Fine after-dinner refreshments will be served; fine seating is also available on a first-come first-cushioned basis. The reading will begin at 7:30.

Three Left for Threepenny

Nan Leverett reports that the opening night (Thursday) of *Threepenny Opera* is now sold out, and tickets are going fast for the other three performances. Bread Loafers can mail in their requests for tickets (with second and third alternate nights) or stop by the Box Office on the porch of Bridgman next Monday or Tuesday afternoon between 1:30 and 2:30 to pick up tix.

Muldoon on Monday

Resident poet Paul Muldoon will read from his work on Monday evening in the Barn at 7:30. This will be the last of the faculty readings for the summer, but it will also begin a "Week of Poetry" featuring presentations by students in both Paul's and Carole Oles's classes. Check next week's *Crumbs* for more details.

Wimbleloaf Update

Wimbleloaf, Bread Loaf's summer tennis tournament, has moved on to the second round of matches, with results posted as they come in on the bulletin board. As one tournament fan pointed out, "I can't find his or her name on the address list, but whoever that 'Bye' person is sure plays a lot!" Second round matches need to be completed by Tuesday. Remember that both participants should bring a new can of balls to the court for the match; the winner leaves with the unused can. If things finish up on schedule, a doubles tourney may be organized; check future *Crumbs* for announcements.

Bread Loaf Sends Best Wishes to Kumin

Carole Oles writes with this unfortunate news: "I'm sorry to tell the Bread Loaf community that one week after her reading here, Maxine Kumin has a very serious horse and carriage accident. If you would like to write to send her your good wishes, her address is: 40 Haniman Lane, Warner, New Hampshire 03278."

The Meaning of Swing

Beth Harris plans to bring a little more swing to the festivities this weekend by offering a "swing dancing" workshop for tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 in Barn A. Newbies and veterans alike are welcome to come and check out the steps, which you can later unleash at Suppressed Desires. See Beth for more details.

Staff and Students Strut Stuff for "Strictly BarnRoom"

Sure to be added to the list of "Signs that the Millennium is Approaching," this summer's Suppressed Desires promises to dazzle and delight with its inhibitionless exhibitionism. If you can say that phrase fast three times in a row near the end of the dance, we'll give you a prize. Other prizes will be awarded around midnight in the following categories: Best Individual Costume, Best Group Costume, Most Original Concept, Most Befitting the Theme, Most Literary, Most Daring, and Most Desirous (in male, female, and/or "other" categories). This summer's theme is "Strictly BarnRoom," and as such decor for the evening will be mostly glitter, gloss, and glam. You'll also get a chance to double your pleasure, double your fun with double DJ's Doug and Hugh dueling it out on the dance floor. The competitive revels begin at nine; bring a mug or cup if you can to contain your frothy or nonfermented beverages throughout the BarnRoom Bacchanalia.

Poet's Constant Complaint: "Gaiety's Greek to Me"

Members of the waitstaff, with the help of Aerie Treska and Melissa Walter, correctly identified "rush in" author Boris Pasternak (i.e. "passed her knack" from the textual clue) as the author of yesterday's quote, an excerpt from *Doctor Zhivago*. For the record, Pasternak won the Nobel Prize for the book in 1958, but rejected the award for political reasons. Also guessing correctly were Debby Larwood, Susan Terrano, Kevin Groppe, and Ed Brown, who wrote "You're so easy it's pathetic. Challenge the man!" Alas, Chris Benson offered a second consecutive incorrect guess (Dr. Samuel Johnson) and mused, "Dare I think that the QOTD™ is a grand scheme for making me guess wrong?" Today's headline offers three more clues as to the identity of today's author; this writer was also noted as having had a strong influence on W.H. Auden and was admired by Forster, Durrell, and Eliot.

Complex Top Tense

Our tireless Top Ten teams have flexed their mental muscles despite the stress of papers and presentations to come up with this week's somewhat convoluted list:

Top Ten (or so) Signs of Stress at Bread Loaf

17. You begin to speak: in rhyme. (ST) in terza rima. (BH)
16. The laundry room condom bag is empty. (BH) Or, in a classic example of "the water glass if half full/half empty" reasoning: The laundry room condom bag remains full. (MOA)
15. Women start to date Gilmore Guys (MOA)
14. Stymied by your professor's request to explicate Tennyson's "In Memoriam," you launch into a rendition of "What's It All About, Alfie." (QQ)
13. You begin to treat your mosquito welts as beauty marks. (DL)
12. Superman found beaten senseless for having monopolized phone booth. (IS)
11. Seeking Jim's approval, you ravage the salad bar daily in a vain attempt to become "full of beans;" followed by the corollary entry: Since you've become "full of beans," your roommate keeps the window open and the fan on 24/7. (QQ)
10. You swear the Adirondack chairs are following you. (ST)
9. Waiters announce that coffee is now available via IV. (MOA)
8. Knives no longer set at place settings during meals. (RobH)
7. Your regression to inarticulateness moves between the final stages from monosyllables to grunts. (OMA)
6. The moths in the laundry room are helping you write your Chaucer paper. (ST)
5. You've ordered so many books from Starr Library, your room has been renumbered PR679.w6 1998 (QQ)
4. You begin to self-deconstruct. (IS)
3. When you hear the mealtime bell, you head to the candy dish in the library. (OMA)
2. Ultimate Frisbee games now have a body count. (ST)
1. Jim Maddox raises his voice. (MOA)

The scores so far: Key: Abbreviation=Name (# of chosen responses to date)

ST=Susan Terrano and Crew (25)

QQ=Quick Quip Mistresses=Karen Loutzenheiser, Annette Hardin, and Prudence Plunkett (14)

MOA=Men Of Annex (12)

IS=The Insights (10)

KCT=KC Thornton (3)

NJ=Nancy Jennings (2)

RH=Ray Harrison (2)

BH=Beth Harris (2)

OMA=Other Men of Annex (Andrew Lesh, Michael Kaelin, Jonathan Cannon) (2)

DL=Debbie Larwood (1)

JF=Jonathan Freeman (1)

SW=Sharilyn West (1)

RobH=Robbie Harold (1)



The Crumb Verse Edition

Your Iambic Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

Volume 79, Number 24

Monday, July 27, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"There neither exists
not can exist any work
more thoroughly dig-
nified—more su-
preremely noble than this
very poem—this poem
per se—this poem
which is a poem and
nothing more—this
poem written solely for
the poem's sake."
— ?

Today's Events:

Yoga: daily, 6:45 AM
Paul Muldoon Read-
ing: 7:30, Barn

Dinner Menu

Chicken Piccata or
hot cashew chili;
Egg noodles that, if
they're worn,
would look silly,
Zucchini and sum-
mer squash, both
as sauté,
and chocolate cake as
dessert of the day.

Weather Watch

Today

Partly sunny and
breezy, highs in the
70's, somewhat warm.

Tomorrow

Increasing clouds,
highs in the 70's,
chance of a storm.

N Tomorrow

Partly cloudy, highs
around 80, basically
true to form.

Muldoon's Mystique

There was once a man named Muldoon
Who was told he would read very soon.
When he looked through his stuff
He had more than enough
To go on from tonight 'til next June.

The Barn where the reading took place
Had a mirror ball hanging in space.
Muldoon was aware
That some revelers there
Had worn negligees, leather, and lace.

Despite this, the crowd listened, awed
By the poems, for which they would applaud.
At the end of the eve
Before any could leave,
Muldoon did something some thought quite odd.

The poet, perhaps, was inspired
By how dance-goers had been attired.
From the front to the rear
It became rather clear
With the costumers he had conspired.

What he wore, I have sworn to conceal
Until well past this evening's meal.
So around half past seven,
For a taste of verse heaven,
Come and see what Muldoon will reveal.

Fun Run Done. (or) Who Won?

Down roads of dirt and lanes of tar,
Fun-Runners ran from near to far
And, once returned, a winner found:
Steve Schadler (clapping all around).

Steve's time was 17:06.
Soon after came in Sara Rebeck—
The first female to cross the gate;
Her time was 20:48.

The other runners all fared well;
No one died and no one fell.
A record turn-out, record pace—
congrats to all who ran the race.

Bread Loaf's Elder Delves into Home

Cedars, asway in mid-afternoon breezes,
lean in toward Barn A, listening.
Finches and swifts fill eaves and sills;
brushing wings as they jostle for space.
Inside, tomorrow at five,
writer/naturalist John Elder
presents from his latest, *Reading
the Mountains of Home*. Words will lift
from the page, hover, dart, and shimmer
like waxwings veering in from the field.
All of nature sits in attendance.
You come, too.

Verse Immersion

Classes of poets, not one, but two
Scheduled to read in the Inn Parlor, Blue.
Tomorrow evening, and Wednesday night too,
At half past seven they'll have verse for you.
Carole's class first shows you what they can do;
Then Paul Muldoon's present works old and new.
Come hear them search for what's vital and true:
Classes of poets, not one, but two.

The Ballad of Box Office Nan

Nan, Nan, Box Office Nan
Gives out tickets whenever she can
Out on the porch of Bridgman dorm
Out in the air, so windy and warm.
Nan, Nan, Box Office Nan
Nan, Nan, Nan, Nan, Nan, Nan, Nan.

Half past one to half past two
Box Office Nan be there for you
Monday afternoon, Tuesday too
Box Office Nan be there for you
Nan, Nan, Box Office Nan
Nan, Nan, Nan, Nan, Nan, Nan, Nan.

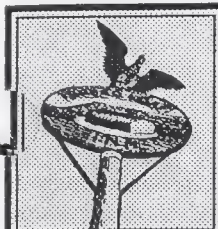
"Threepenny Opera" goes up this week
Nan got the tickets that you all seek
Thursday night, sold out, oh no!
Got some others to give you, though.
Nan, Nan, Box Office Nan
Nan, Nan, Nan, Nan, Nan, Nan, Nan.

Poet of Principle
(or) Lighty's Lament

Lonely Lighty, only Jen
guessed correctly Cavafy
(Constantine Peter)—
last week's QOTD™.
Clues today? One above
more below, don't you know?
His name is (rhyme),
also part of what he is.
Six clues today;
never more.
Guesses due
to Hugh
by breakfast next.

TenTen-ab-Elation

Top 10 again
but What/When?
Mowngrass
floats
in the pond.
Mealbells peel
bells bells bells bells bells
Heart s k i p s,
memory resonates.
My eyes
cast
dis per sing
mists
ofyouandallyouare.
Come, romance, shoulder me
thitherward.
together
let us find
in spir A tion!
luscious lips list
rhapsodic tops;
signs
we are in
love
at Bread Loaf.



The Crumb

Your Canny Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

Volume 79, Number 25

Tuesday, July 28, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"I loafe and invite my soul,
I lean and loafe at my ease observing a spear of summer grass."
— ?

Today's Events:

Yoga: Daily, 6:45 AM
Soccer: 4:30, Field
John Elder Reading: 5:00, Barn A
Oles Class Reading: 7:30, Blue Parlor

Dinner Menu

Meat or spinach lasagna; eggplant and peppers, peas and mushrooms, garlic bread, pecan pie.

Weather Watch

Today

Mostly sunny, breezy, highs in the low 80's.

Tomorrow

Mix of sun and clouds; highs in the 80's.

Thursday

Chance of showers; highs 77-83.

Visiting Elder Held in High Regard

Bread Loaf's beloved naturalist John Elder will visit our Vermont campus this afternoon to read from his latest book, *Reading the Mountains of Home*. The book serves as an extended meditation not only on the landscape surrounding John's home here in Addison County, but also on Frost's poem "Directive," which informs several of the hikes described in the book. John has led a number of immensely popular and innovative Bread Loaf courses at various campuses in previous years; this summer he was the on-site Director of Bread Loaf's sister program in Juneau, Alaska. He is perhaps most widely known as the editor of the *Norton Anthology of Nature Writing*, and has also authored *Following the Brush* and *Imagining the Earth: Poetry and the Vision of Nature*. All are welcome to attend this very special reading this afternoon at 5:00 in Barn A.

Poets at the Parlor Podium

Students in both of Bread Loaf's poetry classes will read from their works this week in the Blue Parlor. This evening, Carole Oles's workshop writers will present from their recent efforts; they include Chase Byron, Meredith Drum, Polly Kimberly, William Martin, Kevin McNulty, Megan Mooney, Katherine Morey, Melissa Ostrom, Ellen Pearson, William Rich, Anthony Shawe, Sheri Skelton, Leslie Talmadge, and Maravene Taylor. Paul Muldoon's students will follow suit tomorrow evening. Both readings will commence at 7:30 and last about an hour; as always with Blue Parlor events, plan on arriving early for most comfortable seating.

Blueless Students Do Laundry Lit

This evening at 6:45 at the Bread Loaf Laundry Room, students who were unable to secure spots for this summer's Blue Parlor series will present from their works. The impromptu and informal reading will end in time for the Oles workshop reading; all are welcome to stop by, put a load in, and listen. Says one reviewer of the readers: "Despite the event's location, they ask no quarter."

Box Office Wants Unwanted Tickets

Box Office Nan reports that there are only about twenty or so tickets left for this weekend's production of *The Threepenny Opera*, all of them for Sunday night. Waiting lists have already been started for other nights. If people have tickets that they will not be using, please consider returning them to Nan as soon as possible, so that she might accommodate those who have yet to get tickets. Also remember that Wednesday evening's dress rehearsal will be open to the public. Those considerate souls with tickets to return can send them back to Nan via the Bread Loaf mail or drop them by during open office hours this afternoon between 1:30 and 2:30 on the porch of Bridgman.

Shue's Shirts Raise More for Orr

Resident artist and designer of the 1998 Charlie Orr Fun Run T-shirt Shue Bellows has agreed to hand-color a limited number of the commemorative shirts in order to raise more money for the Charlie Orr Memorial Scholarship here at Bread Loaf. Shue will tint a total of twenty T's for a fee of five dollars apiece on a first-come, first-served basis. A sign-up sheet has been posted at the front desk; when you drop off your shirt, be sure to label it somehow as yours (by writing on the size tag or pinning your name to the sleeve).

Rushing Formalism

Students, staff, and faculty members should all take a moment today or tomorrow to complete the form at the bottom of this page and return it as soon as possible to the Front Desk so that housing arrangements for the visitor-busy commencement weekend can be made. Victoria thanks you in advance for your prompt response (do it right now while you're thinking about it!).

Extended Practice

Nurse Practitioner Yvette Feig's clinic hours at the Cornwall Infirmary will be from 9:30-5:30 on Thursday this week. Please make note of the change.

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Parking Persnickitiness

The Front Desk staff has reached their tolerance limit with bad parking habits on campus. There is to be NO parking directly in front of the Inn porch: none, zero, zilch. Space there is reserved for delivery vehicles and the Bread Loaf Van, not for those entertaining delusions of grandeur. Likewise, there is NO parking on roads behind the Inn; those roads must remain clear for delivery and emergency vehicles. These rules apply to everyone and are not just simple restatements of quaint policy. If you feel that you're deserving of special privilege for some reason, take it up with the Front Desk staff. Otherwise, you subject yourself to the well-deserved disgust of the entire campus when they observe you leaving your vehicle in prohibited areas.

Oxfordian Recollections

Jim Maddox says: "Students who have been to Bread Loaf's Oxford campus might wish to stop by the bulletin board outside of my office for a touch of nostalgia." Come and see for yourself what familiar image has been posted there.

Succor for Soccer Jocks

Frank Betkowski writes: "Just because the World Cup, which quadrennially transforms the U.S. into a soccer-mad nation, is over... OK, just kidding. But today, Thursday, and next Tuesday are the last chances to play soccer this summer. It's a great way to relieve stress." Join Frank on the fields at 4:30 for football fun.

Walter Leaves for Selfish Singer

Bread Loaf's current Quote Queen and Madrigalist Director Melissa Walter drew a blank on yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, but she should be back in fine form for today's. Lindsey Metzker, Chris Benson and Moira Donovan, Micah Wolf, Jen Lighty, Carolyn Coleman, and Sandy Brutkoski all correctly identified Edgar Allan Poe as the author of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, excerpted from his essay "The Poetic Principle." Another clue for today: "Walter Stays for Selfless Singer." Do I contradict myself? Very well then I contradict myself.

Responses Elicit Alternative List

This week's suggested Top Ten list, "The Top Ten Signs You're in Love at Bread Loaf," has certainly drawn dividing lines between the romantics and the pessimist-realists, leading the *Crumb* Editor to believe that he can now guess with great accuracy who's getting some and who isn't getting some this summer. In order that all may be appeased, Top Ten penners may respond to an alternative list: "Top Ten Signs You're Not 'Getting Enough' at Bread Loaf." Which list will prevail come Friday? Only time shall tell. Please be considerate of the general nature of the *Crumb*'s readership, and spare the guys of Gilmore any further undue criticism. It's not their fault that they live there; it's just good old Darwinian natural selection at work.



The Crumb

Your Coy Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Wednesday, July 29, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"It is of itself that the divine thought thinks (since it is the most excellent of things), and its thinking is a thinking on thinking."

— ?

Today's Events:

Christian Fellowship:
7:00, Barn East
Frisbee: 7:00, Field
Muldoon Class Reading: 7:30, Blue Parlor

Dinner Menu

Leg of lamb or summer vegetable casserole; steamed brown rice, creamed spinach, white bread, and ice cream of the day.

Weather Watch

Today

Showers, becoming partly sunny, breezy, highs in 70's.

Tomorrow

Partly cloudy; highs near 80.

Friday

Fair, in 70's.

Paul Muldoon's Poetry Platoon

Paul Muldoon's poetry workshop participants will present pieces from their summer writing this evening at 7:30 in the Blue Parlor. Readers will include Justin Chapman, Abra Chernik, Amber Christopher, Sidney Clark, Erica Dunn, Anne Marie Hansen, Beth Harris, Roberta Harold, Raymond Harrison, Marie Huntington, Tracy Lease, Douglas Miltenberger, Elizabeth Unger, Nathaniel Wagner, and Sam Winslow. Come a bit early for best seating; the reading should last just over an hour.

Pearson Presents from Project

Master of Letters candidate Ellen Pearson eagerly seeks a willing audience as she presents a reading from her final project in writing tomorrow afternoon at 5:00 in the Blue Parlor. Ellen promises the session will be brief (about thirty minutes) and will supply pre-dinner refreshments for those in attendance.

Future Fans R2 C3PO

Bertolt Brecht's *The Threepenny Opera* (a.k.a. "3PO"), with music by Kurt Weill, will have its Bread Loaf premiere tomorrow evening in the Burgess Meredith Theater. Ticket holders are advised that the theater doors open at 8:05, and that empty seats will be distributed to those on the waiting list ten minutes prior to the show (so be sure to arrive by 8:20). A short performance by Bread Loaf's Madrigalists will precede the show on the West Lawn beginning at 7:45 each evening. At press time, all shows had been sold out, and a waiting list for tickets has been started; see Nan Leverett if you'd like to be put on the list. Those with tickets to return should get these back to Nan as soon as possible. These may include tickets intended for children; *The Threepenny Opera* is an adult play dealing with mature themes and language. Parental discretion is advised.

Final Fellowship

The final Christian fellowship gathering of the summer will take place this evening from 7-7:30 in Barn East. For more details, contact Pearl Chin.

Form Storm and List Blitz

With the end of the summer session fast approaching, Bread Loafers should be aware of a number of forms and lists now available. First and foremost, the Front Desk needs to know when rooms will be vacated so that housing arrangements can be made for visiting friends and families during Commencement weekend. Please take a moment to complete the form at the bottom of the page and drop it in the envelope posted at the Front Desk.

Reapplication forms for each of Bread Loaf's four campuses will also be available outside the Bread Loaf office. Owing to the program's seasonal nature, reapplication for each summer of study is required (though new transcripts and letters of recommendation are not). This also speeds up course registration prior to the next session. Forms to request official transcripts are also located outside the Bread Loaf office; transcripts will not be sent until this summer's grades have been posted.

Returning students should also sign up for work study positions for next summer; job preferences are based on these lists once financial aid awards have been made. Students expecting to graduate in the summer of 1999 should also sign up outside the office so that they may be properly processed and advised of requirements.

Madrigalists Enlisted

Madrigalist Director Melissa Walter reminds singers to meet in the Barn tomorrow afternoon from 4:45 to 5:30 for rehearsal. The group will also gather in the Blue Parlor at 7:30 prior to performances on Thursday through Saturday; on Sunday (owing to the Blue Parlor reading, which will itself begin at 7:00 owing to the play) the group will meet in the dining hall.

BreadNet Blackout

Due to utility work and updating at the downtown Middlebury campus, BreadNet and the college server will be unavailable between the hours of 5 and 6 tomorrow morning, and from 11 tomorrow night until 7 in the morning on Friday. Please be aware of the necessary down-time and schedule your work accordingly.

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Triathletes Compete

Bread Loaf's first-ever Triathlon (Cubed), or the BLT3, takes places this Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Participants will run, bike, and swim (and run, and swim, and bike, and run, etc., though not necessarily in that order) in this semi-competitive but mostly for-fun event. Volunteers are still needed to help with the course, which will be posted outside the dining hall sometime today. If you can help out, check in with Ed at the Front desk. Those who haven't already paid for the commemorative T-shirts are also reminded to bring \$12 to the Front Desk.

Cryptic Neckwear Note

The Crumb has received this coded note: "Victoria announces that the necklaces are in." Though the Editor has been told that the message is legitimate, he nonetheless worries that this might be the signal the seniors have been awaiting to commence their mutiny on the Mountain. Henceforth his agreed-upon response to ensure personal safety: "The goats are grazing near the shallow marsh."

Sister Sites Discussed

Director Jim Maddox will offer informational sessions on each of Bread Loaf's three sister sites. The first, on the program in Juneau, Alaska, will take place this Friday afternoon at 5 in Barn 1. On Monday next, same time and place, Jim will review the program at Lincoln College in Oxford. On Tuesday afternoon, same time but in Barn 2, Jim will describe the program in New Mexico. All are welcome to attend any or all of the meetings.

Melissa's Metaphysical Guesses

Melissa Walter once again demonstrated her perspicacious prowess by being the first to correctly identify Walt Whitman as the author of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™ (from "Song of Myself"). Also in the crowded Winners' Circle® were Susan Terrano, Tori Brown, John Mancuso, Liz Bedell, Janet Atkins, Jon Freeman, Robert Berman, Nancy Olson, Sandy Brutkoski, Bill Rich, Chris Benson, Robbie Harold, Carolyn Coleman, Shannon McCreery, Amy Bookout, Sara Whalen, Aerie Treska, and Lindsey Metzker. Next time we'll just tell you who *didn't* answer correctly. Need another way-too-easy clue? Today's speaker is an "ole artist," anagrammatically speaking.

Contentious Top Ten

Once again, the suggested Top Ten list for the week has elicited critical comment, leading the *Crumb* editor to consider love of any kind too provocative a topic here on the Mountain, despite its rather illustrious and often lascivious history in literature. So, let us leave love for now and move on to some other topic (unless your top ten list is already completed, in which case, feel free to submit it for censorial consideration). For our final top ten list, then, consider this list: "Top Ten Signs the Summer is Coming to an End." Entries will be due by Sunday's dinner, with the list appearing soon after.



The Crumb

Your Cramming Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Thursday, July 30, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"Fill ev'ry glass, for wine inspires us,
And fires us
With courage, love, and joy.
Women and wine should life employ.
Is there ought else on earth desirous?"
— ?

Today's Events:

Leo Hotte's Birthday:
All day long
Soccer: 4:30, Field
Madrigal Rehearsal:
4:45, Barn
Chapbook Presentation:
5:00, Barn A
"Brazil" Video: 8:00,
Barn 5
Madrigals: 8:00, West
Lawn
Threepenny Opera:
8:30 PM, Theater
Gilmore Reading:
9:00, Gilmore

Dinner Menu

Grilled pork chops or
fettucine with brocc-
coli and sundried to-
mato sauce; roasted
red potatoes, mixed
vegetables, cheese
bread, and strawberry
shortcake.

Weather Watch

Today

Mostly cloudy, chance
of showers, in 70's.

Tomorrow

Increasing sunshine;
highs near 80.

Weekend

Fair, in 70's.

Threepenny Premiere

Beginning this evening, the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble will be joined by various community actors and actresses to present a full theatrical production of Bertolt Brecht's *The Threepenny Opera*. The play, directed by Bread Loaf Professor Alan MacVey, features the music of Kurt Weill and includes one of his most well-known songs, "Mack the Knife."

Doors to the theater will open immediately following the Madrigalists' performance on the West Lawn at 8:00. Ticket holders are advised that seating is general admission, and that any seats not taken by 8:20 will be offered to those on the waiting list for tickets unless special arrangements have been made. Anyone wishing to be placed on the waiting list for seats should seek out "Box Office Nan" or speak to one of the ushers at the evening show. The entire show lasts a little over two and a half hours; you may want to bring a pillow or cushion along with you, as the theater seats are infamous wide and far for their hardness. Also, those with young children in tow should be aware that the play deals with mature themes, and as such incorporates adult language and situations throughout.

Pre-Penny Offering

Melissa Walter reminds Madrigalists of this afternoon's pre-premiere rehearsal from 4:45-5:30 in the Barn. Singers should also note the change in performance time to 8:00 before the play and gather in the Blue Parlor by 7:40 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Due to the Blue Parlor reading on Sunday (at 7:00), the group will gather in the dining hall prior to that performance.

Pearson's Presentation

Ellen Pearson will read from her Master of Letters final project in writing this afternoon at 5:00 in the Blue Parlor and would appreciate having a receptive audience on hand for the event. All are invited to come and hear the thirty minute presentation. Refreshments will be provided.

Parlor Presents Final Line-Up

The final Blue Parlor Reading of the summer will take place this coming Sunday and features community writers Kelly Flynn, Kate Sullivan, Shannon McCreery, and Marcella Pixley. Please note that due to the Madrigalists and the play, this weekend's reading will begin at 7:00 instead of 7:30. Don't linger over your coffee in the dining hall if you want comfortable seating; refreshments will be served in the Parlor prior to the reading.

Brazilian Film

Michael Wood's "Literature, Film, and Philosophy" class will screen Terry Gilliam's bizarre and visually dazzling masterpiece "Brazil" this evening at 8:00 in Barn 5. As always, Michael extends a cordial welcome to anyone else wishing to sit in on the showing.

Students Set Sights on Satellite Sites

Jim Maddox will give a short informational presentation on Bread Loaf's program in Juneau, Alaska, tomorrow afternoon at 5 in Barn 1. Two other descriptive sessions will follow: the first on Bread Loaf's program at Lincoln College in Oxford at 5 on Monday afternoon in Barn 1, and the second on the program in New Mexico at 5 on Tuesday in Barn 2. All are welcome to attend, and are encouraged to come with any questions you may have about Bread Loaf's satellite sites.

Trying Triathlon

In honor of a certain Bread Loaf personality celebrating a landmark event, the Bread Loaf Triathlon Cubed (BLT3) will take place Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m. Unlike a standard triathlon, in which participants bike, run, and swim only once during the course, the Mountain's variation offers several opportunities for each activity, making it that much more fun for all involved. For more details about participating or helping out on the day of the race, check in at the Front Desk.

Pick Up Pix

Photographer Ed Brown reports: "The school photos are in at the Front Desk. There are a few extras which cost \$10 on a first-come, first-served basis. If all pictures are gone, one can be ordered for \$12 and it will be mailed to the person after the summer." Ed will also present a slide show featuring many of the pictures he has taken during the summer; check next week's *Crumbs* for time and location.

Sitter Seekers

Suzanne Wofford and Jacques Lezra desperately seek a sitter for their son Nat during tonight's play. If you can help out, give them a call or catch up with them during the day. Jacques reports that "fantastic rewards" await anyone who can come to their aid.

Second Chance for Chapbooks

Sam Swope, who offered an informational session earlier in the summer on his "Chapbooks for Learning" service, will meet with students and teachers who may be interested in incorporating this publishing opportunity into their writing and literature classes. The program utilizes the Internet as part of the publishing process, and produces bound chapbooks of student work. As part of his visit, Sam will offer reduced rates (\$175 for a finished set of chapbooks) to about a dozen Bread Loaf students if they can submit their class's work by Christmas. Sam will be in Barn A this afternoon at 5 to talk more about the project, or you can catch up with him on BreadNet (sam_swope) for more details.

In Fine Form

Bread Loafers are reminded of the following forms and lists: 1) sign-out forms so that the Front Desk may reassign rooms during Commencement, 2) re-application forms for students returning to any of Bread Loaf's various campuses, 3) transcript request forms for official documents including this summer's grade reports, 4) work study lists for those wishing to post a preference for positions next summer, and 5) 1999 senior list for those students intending to graduate next summer. Stop by the Front Desk if you haven't already to complete the first form; all other forms and sheets are available outside the Bread Loaf office.

Lost "Lone Star" Laserdisc

Davison Library is missing the laserdisc for the movie "Lone Star," which was ordered from downtown by a faculty member for use in a class. If you borrowed the disc, please return it immediately to the desk. Many thanks.

Remembering Marsha

There will be a memorial service on Sunday afternoon at 2 for Marsha Groff (MA '85), who died this past year. Friends are asked to gather at the Margaret and Ryder Smith Memorial Bench on the west lawn to pay tribute to the past Bread Loafer.

Playful Adaptation

Susan Terrano and Jen Lighty were the only two who correctly reworked the letters in "ole artist" to confirm that Aristotle was the speaker of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, an excerpt from his *Metaphysics*. Today's headline features a tricky twist in its reference, but as we should know when it comes to clues, beggars can't be choosers. Guesses are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.



THE BREAD LOAF INQUISITOR

*"Because inquisitive minds
believe the truth is out
there — way out there."*

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Director's Assistant Dispenses Frosty Drinks — To Frost Himself!

Shocked Shue Bel-lows got served up the surprise of the summer—when the ghost of Robert Frost stopped by Suppressed Desires for a serving of beer! "He was quite particular about his ale," said the still-shaking Shue of the poet's ghost. "He insisted on summer wheat instead of the copper."

The word smith's spirit lingered a few moments to watch the revels before he was seen departing toward the forest. When asked where he was going, the bladder-bloated beer-swilling specter responded, "I really really have to go; whose woods these are I think I know."

Playhouse Possessed by Nasty Spirits!

Bread Loaf's Burgess Meredith Theater has seen its share of creepy scenes and crawly characters, but nothing so shocking as this year's presentation of Brecht's *Threepenny Opera*. "The actors were possessed!" noted one show-goer after witnessing the spectacle. "They cursed and swore and did things I haven't seen done since I rented 'The Exorcist' on video!" Reports of the performer's perturbing and perverse behavior had Box Office Nan scrambling to secure seats for late gate-crashers. "The demand has been incredible," beamed the beleaguered box-office beauty. "But people should know they can put their names on a waiting list before the show for seats that are still empty at 8:20."

Psychic Singer Channels Chansons

"I've always thought there was something strange about her," Jen Lightly recently confided to the *Inquisitor* staff recently. "I mean, she gets those Quotes-of-the-Day™ things way too fast for a normal person. Like yesterday, she knew that quote was from John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera* before I even had a chance to look at it. I bet she didn't know it was the inspiration for *Threepenny*, though."

The "she" in question is Melissa Walter, whose attributional abilities aren't the only abnormal thing about her. Ask anyone singing in the Madrigals! "She goes into this trance," said one singer who wishes not to be identified for fear of telekinetic consequences, "and it's like she's back in the 17th century singing these songs for kings and queens. Then she snaps out of it and tells us that she 'went back' again. That's what she says—that she 'went back.' It gives the rest of us shivers and chills." Check out the wonders of weird Walter and her mystical musical Madrigalists every evening at 8:00 before the play on the West Lawn.

Take Off Ten to Twenty the Triathlon Way!

Bread Loaf's flab-fighting fanatics used to flock to the frisbee fields Friday evenings at 7:00 to burn off the day's cheesy meal choices, but now Ed "Gut-Buster" Brown boasts of a new sure-fire diet idea: the Bread Loaf Triathlon Cubed! Brown invites everyone to try out the triathlon tomorrow morning at 9:00 starting on the porch of the Inn. "Even if you just come to watch and cheer these folks on," Brown says, "I guarantee you'll lose ten pounds." The course, a cruel concoction of swimming, running, and biking, promises to push participants up to and past their limits. "These people will *earn* their commemorative T-shirts by the end of the event," brags Brown. Volunteers, who plan to show up a half an hour before the start of the competition, agree. "We expect to see these triathletes transformed by the time they cross the finish line," said one, which is a good thing: Brown only ordered shirts in sizes "svelte" and "skeletal."

Sister Campuses Actually Alien Slave Sites!

The *Inquisitor* has recently learned from Dr. Anna Crusis of outer Anapestia's Scansion and Space Saucer Institute that Bread Loaf Director Jim Maddox has been dealing in academic slave-trading—with aliens! Students from three of the School's sites (Juneau, New Mexico, and Oxford, England) are routinely abducted and forced to parse poetry aboard the extraterrestrial's vessels. "The Saucerians—that's what we call them on account of their affinity for Chaucer and Saussure—differ from most humans in their inability to comprehend modern verse," explained Dr. Crusis. "They plan to take over the world by forcing poems back into strict meter and rhyme, thus disrupting the entire academic infrastructure." Director Maddox calls such theories "hogwash" and comments that conspiracy theorists like Crusis have just had "too many beans for breakfast." You can find out for yourself when Maddox spins his own set of stories about the satellite sites this afternoon in Barn 1 (Juneau), Monday afternoon in Barn 1 (Oxford), or Tuesday afternoon in Barn 2 (New Mexico). All three meetings begin at 5.



Director Jim Maddox takes
his orders—from ET's!

Crazy Clerk Cuts Costs!

Some say she's just being generous, but others believe Bread Loaf Bookstore manager Heather Best's gone bonkers by taking twenty percent off just about everything in the store next week. "It's a seasonal thing, a sign of late summer," explains poet Peter Newton, who sometimes subs for Best in the bookstore. "The ragweed comes in bloom, the nights start getting cool, and Heather goes on her price-slashing spree in the store." Be sure to take advantage of Best's beneficent behavior all next week; plan to get there early for the best selection of marked-down merchandise.

Cinematic Mystery Solved

Call this could-be crime caper "closed:" the laserdisc for "Lone Star," thought by some to be gone for good, magically rematerialized in the library yesterday afternoon. "It was missing one moment, then back the next," said a quaking Chris Brady, one of Davison's do-gooder desk clerks. Bread Loaf faculty member Bryan Wolf was particularly pleased; he plans to show the fantastic flick Sunday night at 8:30 in Barn 5. "If it hadn't shown up," Wolf reported, "I would have had to show my home movies of Bigfoot sightings." All are welcome to come and watch whichever movie Wolf shows.

"My America," by Fred Anger

I'm madder than a transcendentalist at a new historicist convention over all of this hullabaloo for World Cups and such when we've got down-home traditional games going on right here in our own backyard. Just check out the Wimbleloaf semi-finals that take place today and tomorrow: Ed Brown takes on KC Thornton, Luke Fleming plays Tony Shawe, Annie Hansen challenges Liz Massey, and Maureen Sullivan meets the winner of the Moore/Brown match. Final matches are scheduled for Sunday. God bless good old American sportsmanship!

"I Was Joe Battel's Literary Love Slave!"

Blue Parlor Reading organizer Shannon McCreery claims she's been possessed by the spirit of Joseph Battel and forced to be hostess for what she calls his "literary love-fests." Co-organizer Vicky Lopez agrees. "I've seen the way he watches her when she's at the podium," Vicky says, referring to the portrait of Battel just above the fireplace mantle. "He can't take his eyes off her." Joining Shannon for a reading this weekend are Kelly Flynn, Kate Sullivan, and Marcella Pixley, none of whom claim to be bothered by the Battel boogie man. Even so, they'll be starting Sunday night's final presentation a half hour earlier (at 7:00) to be done before dark. "We're starting early on account of the Madrigal concert," McCreery explains, but that spritely sparkle in her eye says otherwise. "She wants to get home early that night for Joe," Lopez confides. "They have tickets for the play."

** Special thanks to Leslie Gooch today for the picture of Shue!*

Harried Harriet Seeks Sitter for Saintly Son

Harriet Chessman and Bryan Wolf claim he's an "angel sent from heaven," and they may be right. Previous baby-sitters for their supernatural son have observed levitations of cookies, the instantaneous appearance of colored markings, and an unusually peaceful state of slumber while watching young Gabriel. Now the parents need a new sitter for Saturday night from 5:00 to 11:30 or so. Give them a call at 388-1741 if you'd like to witness the miracles.

Crumb Confirms: "Thursday's Cursed"

Bread Loafers knew it must be Thursday when rain clouds arrived on campus last evening, continuing an unbroken pattern of precipitation on Gilmore reading nights. Students and staff members can take comfort however: regional forecasters foretell of fair weather prevailing for the weekend. *Crumb* editor and Bread Loaf weather expert Hugh Coyle says "it ain't so simple," however: "You can't do anything about Thursday nights any more because the guys of Gilmore have been using camping fuel to start their fires," he explained. "That upsets the spirits, and ensures rain on Thursday nights. But for fair weather on other days, someone—anyone—has to kiss the bust of Frost in the Inn lobby before 9 a.m. It's either that or do cartwheels to the juice bar at breakfast, and that tends to upset the waitstaff even more than habitual lingerers."

Birch Besieged by BatBoy!



Birch residents beware! The BatBoy's back, and madder than ever! This picture was taken just moments before an unsuspecting student was startled from his studies by the flying fiend.



The Crumb

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Monday, August 3, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"Trying to do *The Beggar's Opera* without a Macheath is a bit of a non-starter even for Peter Brook."

— Alan Ayckbourn
(submitted by Carol MacVey on the event of *The Threepenny Opera*'s performance)

Today's Events:

Oxford Meeting: 5:00,
Barn 1
The Birds Reading:
7:00, Barn A

C
6:5

Dinner Menu

Roast beef with horseradish sauce or bean and artichoke au gratin; mashed potatoes; eggplant, tomato, and pepper sauté, asparagus, corn bread, and raspberry jelly rolls for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Mostly sunny,
highs around 80.

Tomorrow

Partly sunny;
highs 80-85.

Wednesday

Fair, 80-85.

Muldoon Matches Wits with Aristophanes

Poet-in-residence Paul Muldoon will present a new translation of Aristophanes's play *The Birds* this evening at 7:00 in Barn A. The reading features members of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble. Paul invites everyone to flock to the event, but cautions that the play is not necessarily for those with a delicate sensibility.

Bookstore Bargains

From now until the end of the week, the Bread Loaf Bookstore offers incredible savings of 20% off most items, including textbooks and clothing. Come and check out the bargains for yourself; the store will next be open tomorrow morning from 10 until 12:30.

Students Bank on Banquet

Students who will be staying on campus through Commencement weekend and who plan to eat at the Senior Banquet on Saturday (but are not included in a senior class member's reservation) should add their names to the list at the Front Desk as soon as possible. Seating is limited at the banquet, and so those students who haven't reserved spaces for themselves in advance will not have a space saved for them in the dining hall that night.

Communal Gratuities

Each summer the Bread Loaf community expresses its thanks and appreciation to the student waitstaff and the housekeeping crew by contributing tips for their services. These can be brought to the Front Desk in clearly marked envelopes; for housekeeping tips, please note the dorm in which you reside. The waiters and housekeepers work incredibly hard to make our lives run more smoothly here on the Mountain, so let's be unanimously magnanimous in our gift of gratitude.

Summer Slide Shows Scheduled

One of the most satisfying yet bittersweet events of the summer is the Bread Loaf Slide Show during the final week of classes. Photographer Ed Brown will present hundreds of his images this Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 9:30 in the Barn. Come see yourself acting silly at Suppressed Desires or take note of all that you missed while you slaved away in the computer center. Wherever you may appear, this will be the perfect opportunity to reflect on the summer that's now quickly passing. Don't miss it.

Maddox Talks Up Oxford, New Mexico

Jim Maddox will host presentations and discussions of Bread Loaf's satellite campuses today and tomorrow for those who may be interested in attending the programs. This afternoon at 5 in Barn 1, Jim will describe the program at Lincoln College in Oxford, England, and review some of the expected course offerings there for the summer of 1999. Tomorrow afternoon at 5 in Barn 2, Jim will do the same for Bread Loaf's sister site in New Mexico. All are welcome to attend.

Final Form-alities

Elaine Lathrop in the Bread Loaf office reminds students to turn in their summer evaluation forms before leaving the Mountain at the end of the session. Those wishing to return next summer are advised to submit a reapplication form for any of the four campuses. Students wishing to express a preference for work study positions may do so on the list outside the office as well. If you have any questions or concerns about any of these administrative aspects, please feel free to speak to Elaine.

Prize-Winning Poetry Picked

Congratulations to Meredith Magdalena Drum and Marie Huntington, co-winners of the 1998 Bread Loaf Poetry Contest. The two writers will split the \$300 award. Copies of the prize-winning poems, Meredith's "Hands" and Reopening" and Marie's "Cartography," are available outside the Bread Loaf office.

Back-Country Half-Marathon Plans

This Thursday marks the possible start of yet another new Mountain athletic tradition, the "Bread Loaf Back-Country Half Marathon." Organizer Hugh Coyle explains, "This is a non-competitive opportunity for runners and joggers to go out for distance, not time. There will be no prizes and no T-shirts, just the glory of having run the thing." Runners will leave from in front of the Inn at 3 on Thursday afternoon. The eleven-mile course follows 125 to Ripton, then returns to Bread Loaf via Route 59 (the "Natural Turnpike"), which goes back along the base of Bread Loaf Mountain and brings the runners past Gilmore for a triumphant final downhill stretch to Johnson Pond. Sign up for the event on the board outside the dining hall; a handful of volunteers are also needed to provide water along the route and pick up any runners who drop out of the pack en route. Check in with Hugh if you can help, or if you want to know more about the event.

Primary Triathletes Triumph

The first-ever Bread Loaf Triathlon Cubed, held this year in honor of caretaker Leo Hotte, attracted over twenty participants this past Saturday morning for a grueling course of biking, running, and swimming all over the Mountain. Congratulations to Brendan Sullivan, Tim Delehaunty, and Stephanie Stein, whose "T2" team topped all others in finishing the competition with a time of 1:01:53. Next across the finish line was Kristin Daly, who ran the race unassisted and finished with an impressive individual time of 1:12:33. Chris Onken finished first for the men's individual entrants, arriving back at the Inn with a final time of 1:15:54. Our communal commendations go out to all who completed the course.

Publication Presentation

Bobby Rue will offer a short presentation and discussion about *The National Andrean*, a literary magazine which publishes high school poetry and short fiction from around the country. Bobby would like to talk to any high school teachers who would be interested in having their students submit writing to the journal, now in its second year of existence. The meeting will take place tomorrow evening at 7 in Barn A.

Computer Center Sets Schedule

The Bread Loaf Computer Center will remain open on the regular schedule through Wednesday, but beyond the last day of classes it will be available on a limited schedule as follows: Thursday from 8:30-12:30 and 1:45-4:30; Friday from 8:30-11:30 and 1:45-4:00; Saturday from 9-11 AM only. Please schedule your work time accordingly, and remember that computers are also available downtown 24 hours a day at the Voter building on Middlebury's campus. If you anticipate any extraordinary problems, please contact Caroline Eisner.

Shue's Cruiser For Sale

Assistant to the Director Shue Bellows hopes to sell his beloved '88 Toyota Land Cruiser this summer. The asking price is \$7,000 for the classic truck; you can see it parked over by Treman. Automotive speculators predict that the mere fact of Shue's past ownership will soon see the Cruiser listed alongside Elvis's motorcycle and Marilyn Monroe's limo. Drop Shue a note if you're interested in bidding on this bit of literary history.

Rides or Riders Desired

As the Bread Loaf summer comes to an end, students and staff alike may be looking to share rides to common destinations. Those in need of transportation and those looking for travel companions should pin up notes on the bulletin board outside the dining hall and check back often for new postings. A few early announcements: Robert Holloway needs a ride to Providence RI on August 6th for a flight leaving in the late afternoon; Jeff Klein needs a ride to Burlington on Wednesday afternoon to catch a flight leaving at 5:15. Please drop either one a note if you can be of assistance.

Blalock's Lost Brookses

Dawn Blalock has lost a pair of women's Brooks running shoes, size 8. If you come across them anywhere on campus, please return them to Dawn or bring them by the Front Desk. Many thanks.

Innsights Set Sights on Lists

The Insights went virtually unchallenged this week as people were either too busy, too tired, or just too plain confused about all the possible Top Ten topics. With only a handful of responses submitted, the group made a bid for the top, but still fell short of this summer's winners, Susan Terrano and the Theater Staff. Congratulations to Susan and crew for a job well done (both here and for *The Threepenny Opera*!).

Herewith, a few of the entries received for two of the potential Top Ten lists:

Top Five Signs That You're in Love at Bread Loaf

5. You deliver all your class comments in arias. (IS)
4. You stop eating that second helping of dessert every evening after dinner. (IS)
3. You read through your 20-page paper and actually think it's good. (CM)
2. No matter what Jim Maddox says, you stop eating beans from the salad bar. (IS)
1. You no longer need four cups of coffee to keep you awake at night. (IS)

Top Five Signs That You're Not in Love at Bread Loaf

5. You send yourself anonymous letters via campus mail. (IS)
4. You buy a fake wedding band to stimulate interest. (IS)
3. After two tequilas at the Waybury, you did more than confess to the statue. (RH)
2. The red marks on your neck really are black fly bites. (IS)
1. You start parking illegally in front of the Inn just to get attention. (IS)

The final score: Abbreviation=Name (# of chosen responses to date)

ST=Susan Terrano and Crew (25)

IS=The Insights (18)

QQ=Quick Quip Mistresses=Karen Loutzenheiser, Annette Hardin, and Prudence Plunkett (13)

MOA=Men Of Annex (12)

RH=Ray Harrison (3)

KCT=KC Thornton (3)

NJ=Nancy Jennings (2)

BH=Beth Harris (2)

OMA=Other Men of Annex (Andrew Lesh, Michael Kaelin, Jonathan Cannon) (2)

CM=Carol MacVey (1)

DL=Debbie Larwood (1)

JF=Jonathan Freeman (1)

SW=Sharilyn West (1)

RobH=Robbie Harold (1)

CG=Crumb Guy (1)



The Crumb Lite®

Your Concise Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"Brevity is the soul of wit."
— ?

Today's Events:

Soccer: 4:30, Field
New Mexico Meeting:
5:00, Barn 1

National Andrean
Meeting: 7, Barn A
Slide Show: 9:30, Barn

Cl.
6:00

Dinner Menu

Fish or spanakopita,
vegetables, bread,
pie.

Weather Watch

Today
Nice.

Tomorrow
Nice.

Thursday
Nice.

Crumb Lite®

Papers due. Work to be done. Eyes tired from reading. No time to read *Crumb*. Editor's solution: cut to chase. Keep it simple. Same info, fewer calories. *Crumb Lite®*.

NM

Director talks about New Mexico at 5 in Barn 2.

Pictures

Summer slide show by Ed Brown at 9:30 in Barn. Also Thursday night. Many photos, much fun.

Andrean

Bobby Rue discusses *The National Andrean* at 7 in Barn A. Magazine publishes high school poetry, fiction. Teachers encouraged to submit student writing.

Van

Final van run of summer this PM.

Acting

Acting class presents final scenes, 7:30 PM tomorrow in Barn A. All welcome.

Sale

20% off nearly everything in Bookstore, all week long.

Madrigals

Meet Thursday 4:45 in Barn, rehearse new songs. New members welcome for graduation gig. See Melissa Walter (waitstaff or Ross 30).

Banquet

Students without reserved spaces at Senior Banquet Saturday need to reserve one at the Front Desk.

Tips

Waiters and housekeepers deserve financial appreciation. Drop off at Front Desk. Mark dorm name on envelope.

Computers

Center open same hours through Wed. Thurs. from 8:30-12:30, 1:45-4:30. Fri. from 8:30-11:30, 1:45-4:00. Sat. from 9-11 AM only. ?'s, see Caroline.

Forms

Reapplication. Transcripts. Outside BL office.

Lists

Work study. 1999 seniors. Outside BL office.

Soccer

Last game today, 4:30.

BreadNet

Program disks available this afternoon for those without. Also instrux on downloading program off Internet. Check computer ctr. for details.

Run

BL Back-Country Half-Marathon, Thursday at 3 from Inn. 11 mile course. Sign up outside dining hall.

Cruiser

Asst. to Director Shue selling 88 Toyota Land Cruiser, \$6995. See at Treman.

WimbleLoaf

Men's finals: Luke Fleming vs. KC Thornton at 2.
Women's finals: Annie Hansen vs. Maureen Sullivan or Mary Juzwik. Time TBA.

Ride

Vanya Dimova needs ride to NY. Any time, any day.

QOTD™

Who needs clues? Guesses due by breakfast.

And Finally, One Announcement That's Far Too Complicated to Condense into Something Short and Pithy

Jonathan Freedman's brother Mark is looking for an au pair to work for a year in Paris and Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Mark's family lives in a gorgeous villa in Abidjan and a way-cool apartment in the 14th Arrondissement in Paris; they spend most of their time in Africa but as much as possible in France. Job requirements: good speaking knowledge of French, willingness to live in the lap of luxury while dealing with three adorable kids, ages 9, 6 and 4. For more details, speak to Jonathan or Sara Blair.



The Crumb Final Exam

Your Extra Credit Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Wednesday, August 5, 1998

Today's Tidbits

"I shall set forth for somewhere,
I shall make the reckless choice
Some say they are in voice
and tossing so as to scare
The white clouds over them on,
I shall have less to say,
But I shall be gone."
— ?

Today's Events:

Color Reception:
6:00, Earthworm
Closing Banquet:
6:00, Inn Dining Hall
Acting Class Scenes:
7:30, Bam A

Dinner Menu

Chicken Cordon Bleu or Zucchini, Artichoke, and Basil Fritata; brown and wild rice, broccoli and carrots julienne, wheat rolls, and cheesecake.

Weather Watch

Today

Mostly cloudy, highs in low 80's.

Tomorrow

Sun and clouds, more humid, around 80.

Thursday

Partly cloudy, around 80.

Final Exam

Readmission to Bread Loaf in future summers is based in large part on students' scores on the following final exam. The test is to be taken on the honor system; that is, students should allow themselves ten to twenty minutes to complete the exam, and submit the completed test along with their evaluation forms before they leave for the summer. Use only a number 2 pencil, and be sure to shade in all ovals completely as shown below.

Right:  Wrong:  or  or 

Word Choice (10 points each)

Select the best word from the pair to construct the most logical *Crumb* items from the following:

- Carole Oles (writes/decrees): "Poetry class people—please pick up your (pottery/poetry) chap-books and pay at the (Front Desk/Snack Bar). Books should have (burgeoned/arrived) this morning.
- Die-hard (softball/moose-shooting) fans should come out to the (hayloft/field) at 2 this afternoon for one last rousing (game/safari). See Beth Harris for more (detergent/details).
- Owing to (road construction/killer coy-dogs) along Route 59, diminished (interest/energy), and (make-up class schedules/conflicts with the demolition derby), tomorrow's half-marathon has been (postponed/prolonged) until next summer.

Vocabulary (5 points each)

Identify, define, and/or explain the relevance of the following words, terms, and phrases:

- clafouti
- Phish Stick
- "full of beans"
- BLT3
- 3PO

Word Problems (20 points each)

A Bread Loafer goes into the bookstore and picks up three books, one costing \$12.00, one costing \$15.00, and another costing \$14.00. The student notices a sign on the wall stating that books and other merchandise are 20% off through the end of the week. Given the Vermont sales tax of 5%, if the student pays with a \$50 bill, how many rolls of breath mints can be purchased with the change?

- Bread Loaf's Computer Center will be open for regular hours today, but tomorrow will only be open from 8:30-12:30 and 1:45-4:30 Eastern Standard Time (EST). On Friday the computer room will be open from 8:30-11:30 EST and 1:45-4:00 EST, but on Saturday it will only be open from 9-11 am EST. If Bill Gates took a flight on the Concorde heading west from Taiwan on Thursday evening at 5:30 pm, would the computer center be open when he arrived back at the Mountain?

Fill in the Blanks (5 points each)

- Following last night's rave reviews, photographer Ed Brown will have an encore showing of his _____ at 9:30 tomorrow night in the Barn.
- Jim Maddox seeks a calligrapher for a pre-Commencement task; if you can help, please drop him a _____ at the Front Desk.
- For the remainder of the summer, _____ will be served on the weekend schedule beginning at 8:00 am.
- Seniors should pick up and pay for their caps and _____ in the bookstore.
- Beginning with breakfast tomorrow, meals in the dining hall will be walk-throughs until Saturday's banquet, so expect to have to _____ your own _____ and _____ your _____ when you're _____.

Geography (1 point each)

Identify the location of the following using an "O" for Office, "F" for Front Desk, "L" for library, or "X" for non-existent.

Transcript request form _____
Gilmore housing request list _____
Waitstaff/Housekeeping tip drop-off _____
Lost and found items (of which there are many) _____
Washer/dryer reservation form _____
Senior Banquet reservation list _____
Borrowed book returns (ASAP, please) _____
Readmission forms _____
Lingerer's Amnesty application _____
Candy dish donations _____
1999 senior list _____
Bloomsbury field trip sign-up _____
Work study preference list _____



When you have completed side one, put down your pencil and wait for instructions before proceeding to side two.

Cross-Offs (2 points each)

Cross out the names of actors and actresses who will NOT be presenting their final scenes for the Acting Class this evening at 7:30 in Barn A:

Gillian Anderson
Cristie Arguin
Anne Braman
Kenneth Branagh
Leonardo DiCaprio
Weston Donehower
Moirá Donovan
Kelly Flynn
Shane Gilbert
Rich Gorman
Thomas Hanks
Rex Jim
Jan Kornbluth
Paul Parsons
Emma Thompson
KC Thornton
Risa Udall

Multiple Choice (3 points each)

1. Choose the most *Crumb*-like headline from the following:

- "Wimbleloaf Over, Someone Won"
- "Thornton Thrashes Fleming in Wimbleloaf Final"
- "KC Captures Cup in Tennis Tournament"
- "When Last on the Courts the Lilacs Bloomed"
- "Elvis Sighted at Bread Loaf Tennis Match"

2. Melissa Walter can't rehearse with her Madrigalists, new and/or old, at the previously scheduled time on Thursday. She should:

- Stop researching the Quotes-of-the-Day™ and have the meeting at the old time.
- Just have an old-fashioned sing-along during the Commencement ceremony.
- Let the Waitstaff Birthday Singers fill in for the group at Commencement.
- Postpone the meeting until 7:00 in the Barn.
- Let the *Threepenny* cast choose new songs and direct the group.

True/False (1 point each)

For the following, identify as either a true (T) or false (F) statement:

- BreadNet program disks are available at the Computer Center for those who don't have them. ____
- BreadNet was developed by the baking staff at the New England Culinary Institute. ____
- You can download BreadNet off the Internet following instructions available at the Computer Center. ____
- You can visit with "Virtual Caroline" 24 hours a day year-round while logged onto BreadNet. ____
- The Computer Center staff can surgically implant BreadNet software directly into your gray matter. ____

Literary Analysis (15 points each)

Read the following actual letter and respond to the questions which follow.

Dear *Crumb*:

For my entire tenure at Bread Loaf, I have felt lost at my inability to secure the quote of the day. In fact, I feared graduating without ever having experienced the euphoria that is associated with the correct identification of these tumultuous mind-benders. But, alas, out of the goodness of your heart, and at the last possible moment, you have provided a quote with which I am not only familiar, but wrote an entire paper on my second summer. So, with *Much Ado About Nothing*, the quote "Brevity is the Soul of Wit," comes from Polonius in *Hamlet*, written, of course, by the immortal Bard, William Shakespeare. Thanks, Hugh. My Bread Loaf experience is now truly complete. — g.

- From the facts presented in the letter, who might the mysterious "g." be?
- Given that Warner James, Sandy Brutkoski, John Bouton, and Jonathan Freeman identified the quote but Melissa Walter did not, how would you rate the difficulty of the challenge which "g." faced in responding to yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™?
- Place this work in a neo-historical context, paying special attention to sociocultural indicators, subtextual tropes, and Jameson's notion of expressive psychological angst as associated with capitalistic exigency.
- Describe a moment of euphoria which you yourself have experienced while at Bread Loaf. How does it compare to the experience of the narrator?
- Discuss what you feel would be needed to make your Bread Loaf experience "truly complete." (If more space is needed, please use your evaluation sheet and turn it in to the office before leaving.)

Don't forget to vote for this summer's Royal Couple, the 1998 Prom King and Queen!

Ballots and entry box coming soon to the Front Desk!